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## Media places SSU Foundation under scrutiny, investigation

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Concerns raised by the local media have brought SSU administrators under fire, citing that the SSU Foundation Board was allegedly guilty of mispending university funds. Among the possible financial indiscretions mentioned in the press were the purchase of a \$5,388 and a presidential inauguration ceremony rumored to cost approximately \$44,000, rather than the highly reported expense of \$30,000.

The SSU Foundation attracts the contributions of millions of dollars from private donors. The Foundation aims to "bring money into the institution to afford opportunities that wouldn't be there otherwise," said SSU President Merwin, in an interview with local media.

A purchase made by the Foundation that created controversy in local circles was Merwin's desk, located in his Holloway Hall office. The desk, originally valued at \$11,000, is said to have been purchased by the Foundation, and therefore would not have cost Maryland taxpayers any money. Spurring much of the criticism of the purchase, however, was a memorandum sent by Merwin's administrative assistant, Dr. Karen Johnson, to top university and Foundation

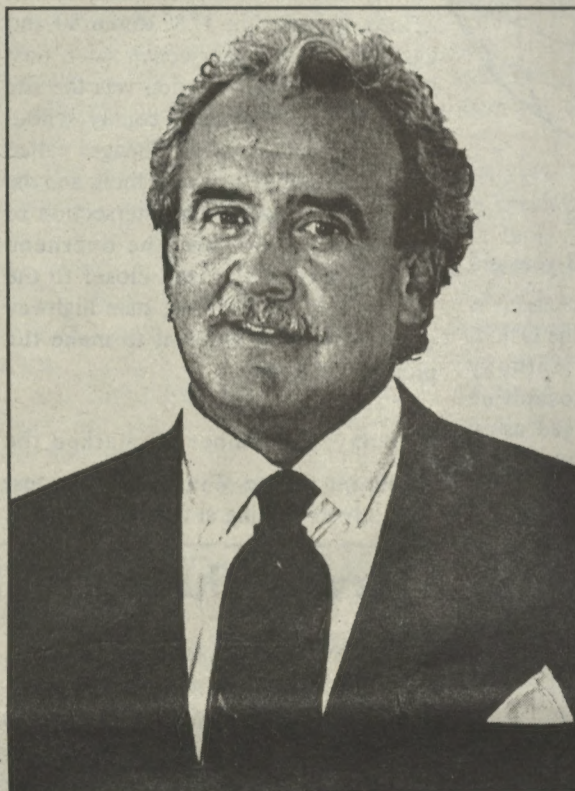
administrators. The memo specifically requested confidentiality regarding the

secret if, in fact, as the administration stated, there was nothing inappropriate in the purchase of the desk.

The cost of Merwin's 1997 inauguration ceremony is also causing concerns within the press. The entire ceremony was reported by administrators, at the time of the event, as requiring approximately \$14,000 less than its actual expense. The university administration claims that the inauguration, like the desk, was paid for entirely by private donations.

According to SSU administrators, the high-priced furniture and elaborate inauguration are necessary in order to bring national eminence to the university. They hoped to gain this recognition through student achievements, faculty accomplishments and physical enhancements to the campus. The costs of various events and items, however, is bringing negative recognition to the university.

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President Merwin is one of several University administrators criticized for alleged indiscretions.

details of the purchase of the desk. The university community has since expressed concerns as to why it was so crucial for the matter to have been kept a

## Fundraiser's ethics questioned

Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

On October 31, Robert Gearhart Jr., SSU's former Director of Fundraising, will stop receiving his \$36,000 salary settlement, which he was granted in exchange for his resignation in March 1997 after being accused of unethical acts within the university's foundation.

After 16 years of service to SSU, Gearhart moved to South Carolina in 1997 to work full time as the Associate Chancellor for Development for the University of South Carolina. Gearhart, however, remained on the SSU payroll largely because of his work maintaining relations between SSU and two major financial donors.

Attention to Gearhart's dealings within the foundation began following the inauguration of the University's President William C. Merwin, in August 1996. It was then that Merwin called in state auditors to review Gearhart's practices.

In an official report released in June 1997, auditors criticized Gearhart for giving \$19,000 worth of business, during 1996 and 1997, to two companies by which his son was

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## President Merwin responds to media allegations

Alison Siegel  
Editor in Chief

In response to the recent criticism of certain administrative and financial procedures, President Merwin agreed to an interview with Alison Siegel, editor in chief of The Flyer. Printed below is a verbatim transcript of the entire interview, held in Merwin's office last Tuesday.

*What exactly were the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Gearhart?*

First of all, Mr. Gearhart wasn't dismissed. He is currently employed in a very part-time capacity by Salisbury State University. Gearhart's departure from the institution was prompted by an audit that I requested in February of 1996. This was after consultants, who had arrived here to look at our readiness

to conduct a capital campaign, had suggested in conversations with some of the staff that there were some improprieties or some questionable administrative practices.

So the audit was conducted. In the midst of the audit, Mr. Gearhart came in and said "I would be prepared to depart from the institution and see if we can arrange for a peaceful settlement of this personal disagreement that we were having."

And so both sides arranged, and then attorneys, and it was agreed that Mr. Gearhart would depart, that he would be retained as a consultant to the president of the institution for the purpose of retaining his connection with certain key donors that he had worked with in the past.

So, at approximately half of his salary, he was then kept on the payroll for over a year. Since that time, I might add, Mr. Gearhart has provided me with several consultant reports. I might add that it has produced positive results in at least one case. He goes off the payroll at the end of October of this year.

But it was certainly controversial at the time. We had thought that it was a very private personal issue, and both parties in the agreement agreed not to disparage one another, not to sue the university; it was fairly typical of the departure of such senior level administration.

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## National/World News

•Despite the objections of the Democratic Party, the House Judiciary Committee voted Friday to release President Clinton's grand jury testimony in addition to the 2,800 pages of evidence in Independent Council Kenneth Starr's report. Officials designated Monday as the release date of the four-hour videotape of Clinton's grand jury testimony and an accompanying transcript.

•On Saturday, September 19, Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson, a 24-year-old diabetic who wears an insulin pump on her hip, was crowned Miss America 1999. Johnson, a graduate of the University of South Florida, recently completed her master's degree in journalism.

•Saturday, September 19, President Clinton sent Republicans back to the drawing board for a tax relief plan, promising to veto what he said was an irresponsible \$80 billion tax-cut package. He insisted on narrower cuts that would reserve surplus funds for Social Security.

•Federal agents have linked smokeless gunpowder, used in the 1996 Olympic Park bombing, to Eric Robert Rudolph, the fugitive charged with bombing an Alabama abortion clinic earlier this year.



## State/Local News

•Friday, September 18, an 18-year-old Easton girl, who initially was charged as a juvenile in connection with the Oct. 7, 1997 murders of David Anthony McQuay Sr. and Rita Josephine McQuay, is now being charged as an adult. She was placed in the Talbot County Detention Center on Thursday with bond set at \$100,000.

•Last week, Berlin has been chosen as the site for the filming of "Runaway Bride," featuring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. The plot of the romantic comedy centers around a small town woman, played by Roberts, who repeatedly gets engaged and leaves her grooms at the altar. Gere's character, a columnist, writes a story about her and consequently, upon their meeting, falls in love with her.

•Thursday, September 17, Talbot County Public School officials went head-to-head with State Highway Administration representatives, in efforts to make the U.S. Route 50 and Dutchmans Lane intersection safer. Last Halloween, the intersection was the site of a collision between a county school bus and a tractor trailer. Changes called for a reduction in the speed limit, and the movement closer to the intersection of the rumble strips and the overhead flashing light be moved closer to the intersection. At this time, state highway officials appear hesitant to make the proposed changes.

•Sunday, September 20 marked the beginning of the Winston Cup races, with drivers starting at the Dover Downs

International Speedway. Over 100,000 spectators filled hotel rooms from Wilmington to Salisbury, anticipating the start of the festivities.

•On Friday, September 18, City Council President Palmer Gillis called for an overhaul of Salisbury's government that would include slashing the power wielded by Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman's office and the City Council. Gillis acknowledged his desire to change the structure in part because of his recent conflicts with Tilghman.

•Friday, September 18, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded a \$2.15 million grant to Aqua Mar Industries Inc. in Pocomoke City, expanding its fish production twofold and creating 15 new jobs. Such increases in Aqua Mar production are necessary to sustain the public demand for seafood, despite decreasing stock due to pollution and over harvesting in the oceans.

## Overheard on Red Square

*What SSU is talking about this week...*

### Removal of the kiosks

Kiosks are gone! Um, wait...what's a kiosk?

### Common's confusion

Where's the jelly? By the bagels? No, by the cereal, of course. Good idea, plenty of people put jelly on their Captain Crunch.

### The Flyer's first issue

It's here! Only a week late. But hey, absence makes the heart grow fonder, or so they say.

### President Merwin's personal expenses

A desk, a piano, a Ford Explorer, what's next? An intern?

## Merwin's luxurious lifestyle questioned

FOUNDATION, from front page

The state of Maryland provides Merwin with numerous lifestyle benefits. The president lives, rent-free, in a state-furnished house. A grand piano, that was privately donated to the Foundation, resides in the president's home. Both Merwin's residence and his office in Holloway hall have, at his request, undergone extensive renovations. The university community has raised concerns as to whether such benefits are given to all presidents in the University of Maryland System.

According to Roger Bruszewski, vice-president of business and finance at Frostburg State University, presidents of Maryland state universities have the option of either a state-provided house or a housing allowance. The president who chooses the housing allowance must pay the utility expenses for his homes with his allowance. It is then the responsibility of the president to also use the allowance to hire any additional services that are needed, such as housekeeping or lawn care.

The presidents at Frostburg State University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County receive housing allowances, because there are no university-owned houses available to them.

President Merwin's utilities are paid for through the university, even

though he chose the state-owned home and, therefore, did not take the housing allowance option. In addition to the expenses of his utilities being covered, Merwin has a state-paid maid, as well as caretakers for his pool and lawn.

Bruszewski also said that all presidents in the University of Maryland System are given the choice of a state-owned vehicle or a \$7,500 car allowance. Merwin chose the former option, and selected a Ford Explorer for his personal use, completely paid for by the university.

SSU relies heavily on private donations through the university Foundation, which raised over \$5 million last year. The administration still insists that any expenses that were inappropriate for the university to spend its money on, were paid for entirely by private donations to the Foundation.

Editor in Chief Alison Siegel contributed to this article.

## Health Center announces changes in procedures

Alison Siegel  
Editor in Chief

This fall, Student Health Services instituted a number of new policies, including the removal of walk-in and weekend hours. Students now must use the health center on an appointment-only basis, and some previously free services are only available at cost.

The reason for these changes, according to Jennifer Berkman, director of Student Health Services, was this summer's departure of two nurses from the SHS staff, John Zimmerman and Rosemary Cupp.

Zimmerman's resignation was expected, since it was announced last May. However, the retirement of Cupp came as surprise to the staff.

"What we did not know, and what the administration didn't know, was that Rosemary Cupp would be affected by the early retirement incentive," said Berkman. "That happened in late July, and that was what we had not anticipated. That's why we're in the predicament we're in."

The biggest problem SHS faces is the lack of full-time staff. There is currently one full-time Nurse Practitioner, Ann Patey, one part-time Urgent Care NP, Karen Musselman and three registered nurses, Brenda Hooks, Karen Rickards and Barbara Ryan. There are also eight emergency room physicians who treat students at the health center from 8:00-10:00 every morning.

The designation of the Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner was made in an effort to help relieve the constraints left by the loss of Zimmerman and Cupp. "We've hired a part time NP in the afternoons from 1-3, and she's what we're calling our Urgent Care NP. If you call in the morning and you need to be seen that day, then we can fit you in that afternoon," said Berkman.

SHS has tried to keep Musselman's hours open only for urgent medical situations, rather than traditional problems such as colds and stomach aches.

The elimination of weekend hours from the health center's services was prompted by studies showing that the service was rarely utilized by

students. The expenses of maintaining an on-call, weekend staff were too large to justify being used by only a few students each month.

No other schools in the University of Maryland System have either walk-in or weekend hours provided by their health service centers. Berkman noted that the biggest problem with walk-ins is the fact that students have to wait, sometimes for hours, before they can be seen and treated.

"Based on the number of providers we have, it was hard enough for us to provide walk-ins last year," she said, "so we knew we were going to be in trouble if we continued to try to offer them this year."

The other big change in SHS this year, the charges made to students for specialized services, was spurred by the lack of funds to the department. "There is no fee charged to students to use SHS," said Berkman. The budget allotted to SHS could not afford to pay for the materials that were needed for services such as immunizations and medical screenings.

All other schools in the University of Maryland charge for such

services, so SHS decided to institute nominal fees for them. According to Berkman, all of the charges made by the health center are less than the services would cost if students looked to obtain them on their own.

SHS is encouraging students to make appointments as soon as they realize that there is a problem. If the student feels better before the time of the appointment, they are asked to call the health center and cancel the appointment, in order to free the slot for other students.

According to Berkman, the length of time necessary to wait for an appointment varies according to the health problem. "If it's urgent, they'll be seen the same day. If it's a bad cold, they'll wait anywhere from 2-3 days," she said.

The staff at SHS encourages all students to provide them with feedback and suggestions concerning the changes made to the health center procedures. Berkman said, "We certainly try to be responsive to students. We're really open to what the students' needs are, and we would like to work with them in the future."

## Gearhart's practices bring about changes in financial policies

GEARHART, from front page

employed. Brian K. Gearhart worked as a salesman for The Protocol Group and Active Image Screen Printing Inc., in Easton. The older Gearhart purchased such items as medallions with university logo embossments.

Additionally, members of Gearhart's staff reported a time when Gearhart ordered them to shred documents linking his son to the business deals. Furthermore, Gearhart was accused of using the university employees to work for his home-based fundraising consulting company during official state work hours.

The company, Advanced Resources Corp., offered their services at the rate of \$500 a day to nonprofit organizations unaffiliated with SSU. According to the auditor's report, the firm also marketed a \$495 book that Gearhart allegedly plagiarized from a university fundraising guide.

Moreover, the report stated that Gearhart used the foundation's Visa card, paid for by the presidential discretionary account, for personal expenses. Questionable purchases made by Gearhart included a \$100 cash advance made in 1996 at an off-track betting parlor, \$330 worth of supplies purchased in 1995 for his personal boat, two train tickets totaling \$1,040 for a trip to Florida with his fiancée to solicit donations in 1996 and a collection of

baseball cards.

In his press release, Gearhart stated, "Nothing that I did deviated from existing policies and nothing that I did resulted in personal gain."

As for the \$19,000 worth of business awarded to his son's employers, Gearhart argued that the prices were reasonable, his son did not work on commission and that the foundation had no policy on soliciting outside bids.

Gearhart has repaid his personal expenses, but in some cases he did so only after the University Foundation's bookkeeper questioned him.

The foundation has volunteer boards of business leaders to monitor spending, pay accounting firms to

conduct annual audits and file summaries of their assets and expenses with the secretary of the state of Maryland. Some critics say the accountants do not probe enough, while others argue that Gearhart is an isolated case.

Officials of the University pointed out that Gearhart's actions did not financially affect the school, compared to the millions of dollars he has raised for the university over his 16 years of service.

In article in the

Aug. 13 Baltimore Sun, Charles L. Fulton, a former director of the Holly Farms chicken company and one of the university's top contributors, said Gearhart was the best in the business. "He got \$2.5 million out of me, didn't he?" read Fulton, for whom the university named its Fulton School of Liberal Arts.



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## Camden Compact promises evolution not revolution

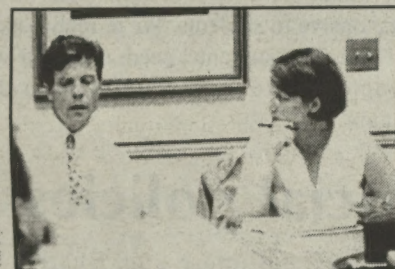
Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

In an effort to solve the continuing dilemma of off-campus parties and property destruction, four groups have pledged to promote change in the Camden Avenue area.

The Camden Compact is a collaborative attempt to build a better community between the University, the city of Salisbury, the Salisbury Area Property Owners Association and the Camden Avenue Association.

The four main purposes of the Compact include strengthening neighbor relations, developing respect for each other and the law, creating a sense of civic pride and formulating a collaborative problem solving system between the groups.

Everyone involved agrees that the Camden Compact is just the beginning of a long term process to



Mayor Tilghman (right) listens to a committee member's concerns.

restructure the community of Salisbury.

Within the Compact, the University hopes to improve relations by informing students of their rights and responsibilities within the law. They will also provide students with off-campus rental information and support, including student evaluations of landlords. In addition, the "Crime Beat" column will now include student arrests and victimization that take place off-campus.

The city of Salisbury plans to continue working with the University, in hopes of creating alternative housing and a new public transportation system.

Salisbury Area Property Owners Association (SAPOA), a group consisting of essentially of landlords, wants to open the lines of communication between their association and the residents of the Camden community.

SAPOA has agreed to provide police and the Camden Neighborhood Association with a 24 hour contact number for all residents, including students, to call. The landlords also plan to ensure that student tenants understand the full terms of their lease.

The Camden Neighborhood Association's (CNA) main focus is on unity and cooperation. Block Captains will welcome SSU neighbors and include them in community activities.

external affairs within the Student Government Association, has been working with the CNA since he was elected last February. Roth addressed the need for a liaison between students, landlords and the community. "If you know your neighbor and you are friends with your neighbor, chances are you're going to respect your neighbor," said Roth.

Last Wednesday marked the Camden Compact Committee's first official meeting since the release of the Compact in August. During the meeting the groups discussed the Compact's progress.

Barry King, vice president of student affairs, noted the concern to expand University policy dealing with students found engaging in the illegal sale and distribution of alcohol off-campus. The current legislation does not grant the University jurisdiction over such matters.

King, who is a member of the Task Force on Alcohol Abuse, a group of students, faculty and staff created in November 1996 to address issues raised by such abuse, says that the committee hopes to have an "honest discussion" with all groups within the University's shared government sometime this semester to discuss the possible policy change.

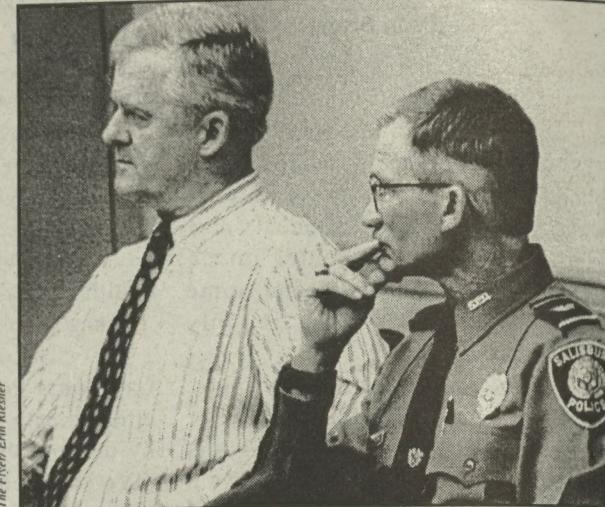
The relocation of the Crossroads next year, after the destruction of Powell Hall, is an added concern, since the club provides a safe recreational location for students of all ages. University administration is currently looking for an alternative site for the facility.

Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman addressed the need for more activities for students within the community. Tilghman noted that the community always looks to the University, and now it's time that the University looks to the community.

Police say that the main problem continues to be the noise levels associated with off-campus parties and that students need to remember that there are people that have children and jobs. The Salisbury noise ordinance states that no noise should be heard 50 ft. from the residence between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Acting Salisbury Police Chief, Colonel Ed Guthrie, urged students not to fear the police, and to call for their assistance if a party gets out of hand.

As for stricter law enforcement of loud parties, Tilghman said, "If the students call and inform their neighbors ahead of time, they tend to be more tolerant."



Director of Public Works Wil Elliott (left) and Col. Ed Guthrie listen attentively during last week's meeting.

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## SSU receives anonymous gift

Ami DeMoss  
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Salisbury State University's campus is considered, by some, to be small. Someone realized that the school was expanding and decided the campus needed to match its growing enrollment. That someone, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently donated over 400 acres of land to SSU.

The land, located 30 miles away, more than quadruples the size of the 128-acre campus. The property contains 7,000 feet of waterfront according to Martin Williams, SSU's vice president of advancement.

Williams said that the property includes a house, a garage and an old ice house that was once used for seafood.

The anonymous donor has requested that the property be sold to establish an endowment for SSU's engineering program. The sale of the property is not expected for at least two years.

Meanwhile, until the property is sold, the land can be used for marine studies, biology and student activities such as sailing and outdoor clubs. Faculty, as well as the SSU sailing team, have already started using the land.

## Greek Council announces new fraternity

### Search continues for founding fathers . . .

Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

Alpha Sigma Phi, the newest expansion of SSU's Greek system, is looking for a few good men to become founders of their fraternity.

"We are trying our best to redefine what a fraternity is," said ASP Expansion Consultant, Drew Thawley.

Thawley, said that he hopes to have ASP recognized and functioning as a full-fledged fraternity by the fall of 1999. Last Wednesday, ASP hosted its first recruitment meeting in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

"We had five very interested individuals show up. That is a success in my eyes. A core group of three to four has great potential at SSU," said Thawley. According to ASP's mission statement, to Create and Perpetuate Brotherhood, founding fathers will create chapters with respect and friendships in order to challenge difficult issues, rather than avoiding them.

Since the spring of 1997 the Inter-fraternity Council has been looking for a new fraternity to enhance SSU Greek Life. After much review, Alpha Sigma Phi was selected.

Inter-fraternity Council

President, Jay Tringone, believes that from the research done by the IFC over the past year and a half, ASP was the best Greek organization to push the Greek system ahead. "Our goal is to make the Greek system more positively

age with first year students.

ASP has a philanthropic partnership with Canine Companions for Independence. Canine Companions for Independence is a national non-profit organization that provides and trains dogs to assist individuals with disabilities.

With over \$12 million, the largest unrestricted educational endowment of any national fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi's Educational Foundation offers promising benefits to all its members. ASP grants an estimated \$30,000 in scholarships a year.

In the past few years, ASP has expanded to eight new schools, the most recent being the University of Maryland at College Park. There are 61 national chapters and four "colonies", also known as chapters in progress, including SSU.

"We are very excited

recognized on campus," said Tringone.

Brotherhood is Alpha Sigma Phi's main focus. ASP hopes to instill leadership and communication in all its members, while building trust at a young

that we have the opportunity to expand the Greek System and Alpha Sigma Phi was an excellent choice," said Greek Council Advisor Joe Oravec.



Alpha Sigma Phi Expansion Consultant, Drew Thawley discusses fraternity's brotherhood.

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## Questions and answers continue: Merwin's side of the story

MERWIN, from front page

*Do you care to comment on the purchase of the desk for your office and the circumstances and the controversy surrounding that purchase?*

Sure, sure, and I think it's understandable that there is some controversy of sort. And, the fact remains, it's a little bit embarrassing. At the time that all this was happening, this entire suite was under renovation. I was living in the trailers over on St. Martin's beach. And my executive assistant, Karen Johnson, who you may want to talk to, by the way, was really kind of in charge of the renovation of the office.

We were running out of state money to completely refurnish all of the offices. The rooms had been gutted, and we kept some of the furniture, and some of the furniture was moved around. Anyway, to make a long story short, Dr. Johnson had been working with an interior decorator. They looked at a bunch of desks, and Karen said something to me about that they had an opportunity to get a real bargain in a desk for half price, and maybe under the circumstances that the Foundation might even be willing to present a desk to the new president, and would that be okay, and I said of course.

Well, as it turns out, it was an \$11 thousand desk that cost over \$5 thousand. But, I guess in justification for it, the rest of the furniture in the office was far less expensive. Now, I suppose if there was a number of dollars to furnish the office, we may have spent more on the desk and less on the chairs. And some people do in some cases.

I think the staff felt that since the president often is the host for presidents of corporations and other dignitaries who come to the university for one reason or another, that the office had to be presentable in some fashion. I'm also the chief fund-raiser for the institution, and I think it's appropriate and certainly not a shabby looking office. When I was in the trailers, for example, I think that it was much more difficult for me to present some presidential image than it is over here.

But a \$5000 desk, I'm not going to sit here today and tell you it was a wonderful purchase, because I'm a bit embarrassed by it, frankly. *Were you aware of the price of this purchase?*

Not really. *What was the actual cost of the inauguration ceremony?*

I think the total on the thing was a little over \$40,000. This included an all-school picnic, and we had dignitaries somewhere elsewhere; the night before we had the concert with the Salisbury Symphony. Those were some of the expenses for it. But we brought in 450 out of town guests, including messengers from the governor, members of the cabinet, all the presidents of the

university system. Presidents from all over the country were in the procession, and frankly, I believe that it was an investment in the future of Salisbury State University that I believe has paid off.

We are certainly on our road to national eminence. U.S. News and World Report, for the last two years, has cited us. That has never happened before. I happen to believe that sometimes letting other presidents, who by the way voted [in U.S. News], helps publicize and promote the institution. So, that's a little over \$40,000.

And by the way, I didn't have much of a choice in having the inauguration. All of the members of the University System of Maryland get inaugurated. Dr. Langenberg was asking me when it was going to happen. I'm sure \$40,000 is not a volume that is [unlike] other inaugurations. *Several sources at the time of the inauguration reported the cost as \$30,000. Do you know where that figure came from?*

I think that's what we had originally budgeted for. When all of the committees were put into place they said, "How much do we have for the budget for this operation?" and it was a sum of some \$30,000. I think we assumed, for example, that the Salisbury Symphony was going to play pro bono, and they did not. There were a couple of other surprises. I can't remember exactly all the details.

Once again, as the president, there were committees that were operating and so on, but I wasn't intimately aware of everything that was going on.

*Did all the money for the ceremony come from private donors, or were some of the expenses billed to the university?*

I think all of it came from private donors. That's my belief. *What exactly were the circumstances surrounding the Onley Road purchase?*

It's a parcel of property of about seven acres of land located over near where the women play softball, it's at the end of Bateman St., when you go around the corner, anyway, it looked like a good place. One of the members of our board had this property, and he knew that we were looking for a place to relocate Dogwood Village. We have 15 temporary buildings that have been temporary buildings for 15 years. And we needed extra parking space for the new Commons Building. So our thought was to pick those buildings up and simply move them over to a parcel of land that was to become available.

This individual had not purchased the land yet, but he had told our people that the land was worth about \$400,000 dollars and that he would be willing to sell this to us for something in the neighborhood of \$260,000. So the foundation board accepted the proposal.

and he had an appraisal in there that was his appraisal for the price of the property and was given to our foundation board. The board approved it, contingent upon our due diligence, that is contingent upon our investigating several things. The title wasn't going to be salable to the Board of Public Works so that the state could eventually buy it. Did it meet all the environmental concerns?

And we, of course, had to get at least another independent appraisal done of the property. Our attorney at that time discovered that the property wasn't worth \$415,000; it was worth much less than that. We also found that there was some difficulties in gaining access to the land because of an easement. There was a property holder in back of the land who was guaranteed easement out of the land. And that would have affected the way in which we located those houses. We didn't want somebody driving through their backyard, for privacy purposes and otherwise.

Anyway, it looked like the deal was beginning to fall apart. So I called this individual in, and we talked about it. I said, "We're not going to buy it." End of statement. The controversial part of it, Alison, was the fact that the foundation board put up \$5000 in earnest money. This is common to hold it. The proposed seller to the property said he had over \$5000 into blueprints for the property, title searches, attorneys' fees and those kind of things. So we said, okay, we went into this with both of us being straight up with the thing, and the deal didn't work out. We'll forfeit the \$5000. So that's what happened. Once again, that's all foundation [privately-raised] money. None of that's state money.

*Is it true that, although he paid \$8000 for the grand piano, the donor received a \$22,000 tax deduction for the gift?*

No, not at all. He received exactly whatever it was. I think it was somewhat under \$8000. Sam Brown [the donor of the piano] had given us \$3.2 million. The first time I ever met him, we were sitting over in the house, and Debbie, that's my wife, and I were just moving in, and he asked her what she was going to put in that corner. She said, "Well my husband's going to buy me a piano." We had a piano at our last school; they had a big music school in Potsdam. She said "He's going to buy me a piano someday." Sam said, "Is that true, Bill? Are you going to buy her a piano?" I said, "Yeah, we'll wait till we're here for awhile, and we can afford it." And he said, "Well, I'll buy you a piano. It'll be a piano for this house, located right there."

So, to make a long story short, he went out and bought us a piano. And it was my assumption that he designated the piano to be used in the President's house, but that it would be a state piano. And we talked about it later on. I said, "Well, Sam, do you mind if I would

move that piano out if there's a demand for that piano in, say, the music department or something like that?" And he said, "Of course not." And so, we have a lot of affairs at the house where the piano is played. Sometimes students play, sometimes faculty. We've had composers over there playing the piano. Pianos are hard to move.

*Was the foundation aware that the piano would be kept in your house, as opposed to the music department?*

Oh sure. Yes. I mean, everybody knew. We have a new piano, for example, over in the alumni house that is a loaner. Somebody just wanted to display a piano; they knew a lot of people are there. Those things happen quite often.

So, Sam Brown received a tax deduction for his contribution. So, officially it's donated to the foundation. The foundation immediately transfers the title over to the state, so it does belong, in fact, to the state. It doesn't belong to the Merwins or anything like that.

*So the money that he received in the tax deduction was just exactly what he paid for it; it was not any more?*

Absolutely. He's a very wealthy, honest man. This is not somebody who's trying to cheat the federal government over a few dollars for a tax deduction. And I know there are people who want to try to develop that conspiracy theory, but that just isn't true. That's terribly unfair. To denigrate a donor, someone who's given this institution those kind of dollars, and then turn around and think that he's evading taxes or something, that's really very harmful.

*Do you feel that there were some unethical qualifications in the scholarship that Sam Brown subsequently set up, in that it was so specific?*

Sam Brown had wanted to set up two very specific scholarships. One was called a Severn Scholarship, and one was called a Woodbridge Scholarship. Let's just focus on the Severn Scholarship. He had certain stipulations; I don't even know if I saw the exact stipulations. I think it had something to do with you had to come from such and such a high school, and you had to have military experience, and some of those kind of things. Now that's difficult. It puts us in a sort of funny position, because theoretically we cannot give a person access to a tax deduction if, in fact, the donor names the recipient.

The key to this whole thing is that the scholarship would have to be available to other students who also would meet those qualifications. What happened, in both of these cases,

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because they were only run out one time, there was only applicant for each one of these positions. That part made me pretty uncomfortable, to be honest with you.

I didn't have to worry about the Woodbridge Scholarship after the first semester, because the student recipient of it failed academically and withdrew from the university. However, in the case of the second recipient, the donor in this case wanted to increase the size of the scholarship, which was contrary to the stipulation in the scholarship. The scholarship was a \$1000 scholarship. He would be willing to raise it to \$2000, if the student had achieved a 3.0 GPA in the prior semester. The student did not. He fell somewhat short of that. And I explained to the donor that he couldn't do that; that would violate the tenant of that agreement. He disagreed about it.

I refunded the amount of those scholarships back to the donor at that point in time and told him that he needed to notify the Internal Revenue Service about it. He subsequently did it. Mr. Brown, after that period in time, resigned from our foundation board.

I think the point here, Alison, in both the land deal and the scholarship arrangement, both of them were bordering on being inappropriate. And when I saw that, I took the action, even in spite of the fact that I have probably lost one of the most generous donors that the institution has ever had, to do the fair and ethical thing. I think that's a real important point. The student got the scholarship. He got the money. The donor got his money back. The IRS was not cheated in this case. And there was no victim.

*Do other university presidents, that you know of, in the University of Maryland System receive similar benefits to those that you receive from the university, namely the renovations made to your home, or the state-paid staff for your home, or the use of a state vehicle, and other luxuries?*

There's a standard perk package for presidents in the university system of Maryland, I think. You are either offered use of a state-owned home, if the university has a state-owned home. In the case of Frostburg, for example, there is not a state-owned home. So in this case, Dr. Guerra gets a housing allotment. There's a salary; there's an automobile; there's a house.

My contract specified that the home had to be furnished, and it specified that it had to be appropriately maintained. I suspect every president may have negotiated with the board differently and separately, but since I've been a president three times, I knew that, if you didn't have it put in your contract that the house would be maintained, it would be hard to get a housekeeper. So, we do, in fact, have a housekeeper who maintains that house. Unless you want the president home ironing and

vacuuming the rug in the middle of the day. So my answer is yes, it would be my understanding that Dr. Spikes, for example, has a home, is provided, is furnished, and someone maintains it, and so forth.

*Overall, do you believe that the practices of both you and the foundation during the past two years have been unethical?*

Absolutely not. *Is there anything else you feel you would like the university community to know about the allegations that appeared in the media?*

Well, only that one would have to question the motives of people who are bringing these kinds of allegations at the time. I think that's appropriate for any reporter to question why would somebody raise these allegations, if not to discredit the university and the president in some way. And I guess one would have to ask, why would they want to do that?

*Given the recent criticism, what do you feel that you've accomplished during your administration?*

Well, we have, in my two years, for the first time in the history of the institution, been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a top-notch institution. We have raised over \$9 million for the institution. We have worked hard to develop a strategic plan that has won the support of the Board of Regents. We have, and I think it will happen this year, we'll be receiving from the state a new science building, valued at over \$30 million. We have put into place a general education task force that will look at all of the gen-ed requirements for the institution. Our applications for admissions to the institution have gone up considerably since I have been here. We have hired 50 new faculty and a number of new staff that I believe bring credit to the institution.

There are a lot; I haven't really had a chance to think too much about it. In a two year period of time, and I've been a president in two other places, often it takes you two years just to get to know the players. We really started here rather quickly. That strategic plan of ours gives us the blueprint for the kind of national recognition that I think this institution deserves. I think we've been a well-kept secret.

I'll give you another good example. You're a person who's interested in news writing. In 1996 we received 35 national media placements. I asked Gaines Hawkins in the Public Relations department to see if he could increase that. So the next year he had doubled it; he had 75 media placements. Guess how many we had last year: 150. That's not just U.S. News and World Report or USA Today, but The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal. We have, I think, made significant inroads in bringing national attention to the Salisbury State institution.

You can say, well, what does all that mean? I think it enhances your degree from here. I think, if you go on to graduate school coming from Salisbury State University, it'll mean something to the people who admit you. I think that if you go apply for a job in Ohio or Pennsylvania graduating from a top-notch school like Salisbury State you'll have an advantage. So, I think we've made some accomplishments.

I think image is important too, Alison. I just do. Not that I can justify—I wish I had a \$100 desk; it would be fine, as far as I'm concerned. But I think it's important that we look right, that our campus is beautiful. We opened up the new Commons Building during my time here. The fact is, in a few minutes I'm going to do a telephone interview with a national, they're sending a film crew to film the Commons Building. That'll be this week.

So, I think there have been some things that have been accomplished. If I would have done absolutely nothing, I suppose there would be no controversy. And we would just sort of go along and say that we're just going to keep doing things the way the previous administration did it. But that's not what they wanted. They wanted somebody that was going to make some things happen.

It's such a friendly campus too. I had two other job offers at the time that I took this one. Both of the others were more money, and I chose this one for a lot of reasons. One of the reasons was the way it looked. I thought it had such great potential for sort of breaking out into something that's really significant. To be a school like, oh, The College of New Jersey or Genesee, or some of those schools that have really gained, in the last ten years or so, national recognition. I thought, we have the potential to do that, and, if we don't do it here, I think it would be a real travesty. Because we've got great students; we've got a wonderful faculty; we've got beautiful grounds.

I've got a great foundation board. I mean, they feel under fire right now because of all these questions that are being brought up. They haven't done anything that's unethical. They really haven't. I think probably we needed some tighter procedures and some things like that, but we're putting all that into place. It'll work.

*Do you think that the recent criticism will damage either fundraising efforts or the overall reputation of the university?*

No. I'm working so hard with people like you, with The Daily Times and The Baltimore Sun to try to explain as truthfully and as honestly as I can what really did happen and that we really haven't done anything that's unethical. Unfortunately, you find yourself in the position of almost protesting too much. It's like President Clinton out saying he didn't do it; he didn't do it. So, people are pretty cynical

about that right now, about presidents denying that anything was wrong. And unfortunately, for timing for us, it is right now.

There's an article that appeared in this morning's paper, [The Daily Times] and here are three major donors, in answer to your question, who were interviewed by Hugh Brochelle, and he talked to Richard Henson, from the Henson School of Science; he talked to Sam Seidel from the Seidel School of Professional Studies, and he talked to Sam Brown, the \$3.2 million donor. And all three of them say no, they're going to weather the storm.

So, did it hurt us? I think it'll hurt us with certain people. I think there will be people who, for awhile, will question us, and it'll be harder for me to win the trust and the confidence of another donor for awhile, but I suspect, after a period of time, most of this will go by the boards, and we'll keep moving.

The thing though, Alison, we can't just focus on this one. We have to start focusing on positive things. The Baltimore Sun clearly is not out to be our friend. It's a problem for us, when they lump Bowie State together, where there really was impropriety. They used \$180,000 worth of foundation money to balance their state budget. Wow. If I would have done anything like that, I should have been fired instantly. And to put us on the same column with them... "There's a hint of impropriety at Salisbury State." From where?

I mean, we had two problems. We had one problem with the land, and we had one problem with the scholarships that were closed. But I nipped them in the bud. The real key was that there's no victim in either one of those cases. If I had to wait for an audit to come along and slap my wrist, or some investigative reporter to slap my wrist, then I should really be criticized. That is unethical. That didn't happen. I did all of that stuff before it had started.

*What concerns the students is just that little things like this, little scandals that come out in the media, will have an affect on the reputation that the school's been gaining. As students here, we're proud of the reputation, and we definitely want our degree to say something. We don't want to be associated with a school that had problems.*

You know, another thing I'll say to you, that happened just over the summer, is the Camden Compact. The relationship, frankly, with our neighbors before I came here was really bad. And I would get calls from neighbors on Sunday mornings, and I remember I had to go over one morning and look at all the beer cans in their backyard. I had to help them pick them up. So, we've been working on something like this for about a year and a half. I think there's a greater sense of positive relations that are going on.

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## The Flyer

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## Allegations Look Bad to SSU Students

When students apply to a college or university, they do so with the hopes that the degree they earn from that institution will get them somewhere in life. They look for schools associated with high standards, academic excellence and competitive programs of study. They hope to graduate with degrees that reflect hard work, a comprehensive understanding of a variety of subjects, a specialization in the career of their choice, and the experience and training necessary to succeed in their field. Not usually a consideration, however, is the media attention given to the school, specifically criticism by the local newspapers of alleged administrative misconduct.

As President Merwin, The SSU Foundation Board and other administrators struggle to defend the various accusations stemming from the

local presses, students cannot help but wonder how the media attention will affect them. SSU, as a multi-faceted institution, has worked hard in recent years to gain a national reputation as a school of high standards and quality. In the past, the university was praised in the media for its continued pursuit of excellence. Lately, however, the majority of the press seems to be negative.

Most of the allegations concerning the president and the Foundation Board accuse the administrators of financial indiscretions, bad investments and poor judgment. Clearly, these accusations could harm the university's fundraising efforts, which, to date, have been exceptionally successful. Previously generous donors may become skeptical about

contributing large sums of money to a Foundation Board that is under scrutiny.

The question that remains, however, is how others will react to the recent negative publicity. Will graduate schools and future employers look down upon students with undergraduate degrees from a university recently linked with scandal?

As current SSU students, anticipating successful post-graduation futures, we can only hope that the positive aspects of this university are what stand out in the minds of employers and graduate schools. This is an institution acclaimed for its high quality of faculty, diversely talented and accomplished students and competitive majors. Surely, these accomplishments should overshadow any minor negative publicity.

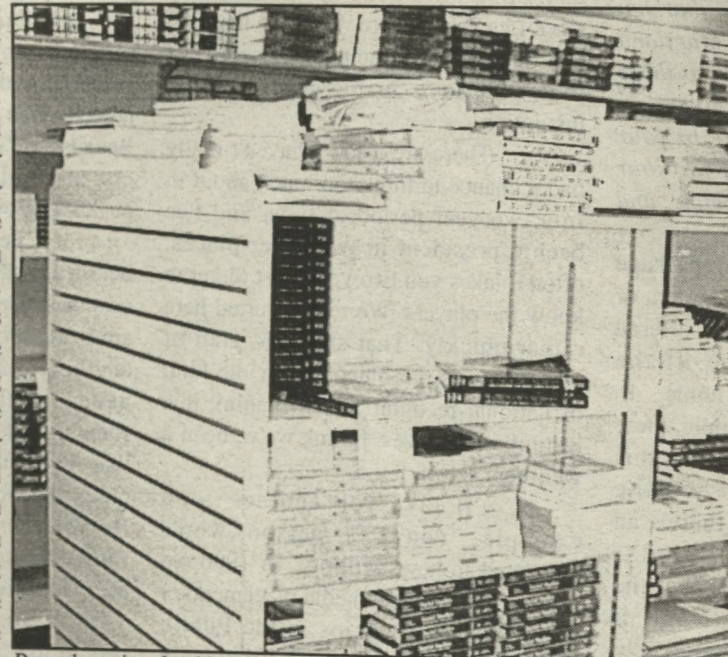
## Book Rack's policies cause concerns around campus

Dear Flyer Editor:

If you aren't already disgusted, enraged or perturbed with SSU's book store, The Book Rack, here's something that should surely force everyone over the edge. Credit card users are well aware of the procedure for purchasing items using their cards. You make a purchase and complete the transaction by signing your name. However, students purchasing merchandise from The Book Rack using their credit cards are required to provide their vital and personal social security number along with their signature. (Note: when my parents have made Book Rack purchases over the past two years, they were not held to this procedure.) One might view this credit card issue, as The Book

employees readily have available your name, credit card number and social security number, which to my knowledge is a powerful combination of

are unknowingly empowering The Book Rack to probe through their confidential university records. The Book Rack claims that they need our social security numbers in the event that they might need to reach us. Then the question is, how does The Book Rack contact non-student credit card users who don't have student i.d. numbers? In my opinion, The Book Rack should use our last names and the phone book.



Procedures involved in purchasing textbooks and other items are causing alarm.

Rack does, as "no big deal." They claim our social security numbers or student identification numbers are used all over campus. I, on the contrary, feel the credit card issue is a much more serious offense. By relinquishing your social security number on your credit card receipts, the Book Rack and its

information. This information, if in the wrong hands, could have devastating and vast illegal consequences.

I believe there is no relevant reason for The Book Rack to require social security numbers on credit card receipts. By publicizing that information, student credit card users

Upon questioning this practice, I was told by a Book Rack manager that this issue would be under review in the future. I decided to comply after being threatened that my transaction would not be completed otherwise. I fear that the time when this issue will be reviewed won't come soon enough.

So, fellow student credit card users, here is one more reason to beware of The Book Rack!

Kevin P. Seidel  
SSU Sophomore

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## SSU receives nationally recognized rankings

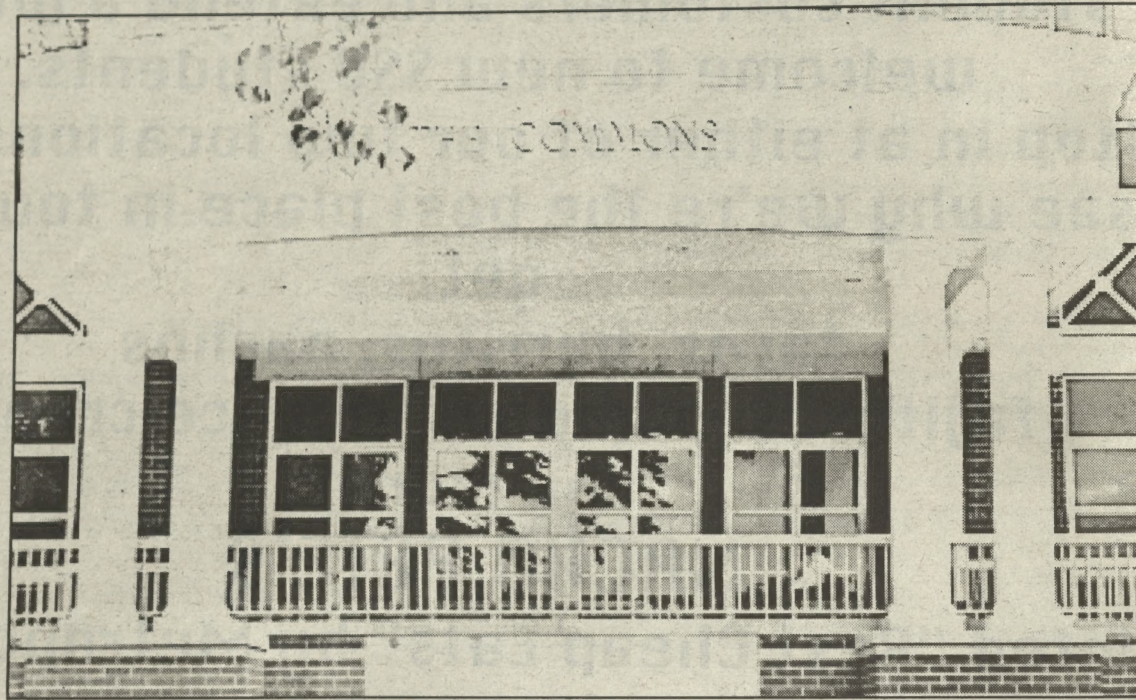
Emily Nock  
Flyer Staff Writer

The ratings are in. U.S. News and World Report has selected the top ten public regional universities in the northern section of the country. Holding the number nine ranking, for the second year in a row, is SSU.

Director of Public Relations Gain Hawkins claimed that this was no surprise. Though he is proud of how the school has done, he admitted that he was actually somewhat disappointed. "I had hoped that we would be higher," he said.

Students agree that it was no surprise, but something that the school should receive. "It is such a small school to be well known, but it is not a shock. The ratings were well deserved," freshman Theresa Duwel stated.

In addition to these ratings, SSU has also gotten attention from two other magazines this year. Kiplinger's magazine placed the college at number 56 out of 600 public universities in the country. The college was also profiled in the March edition of Baltimore magazine.



The addition of the Commons has helped to give SSU the prestigious rankings it yearns for.

According to Hawkins, these ratings will help students by raising the value of a SSU diploma. With growing recognition of the school, students will find it easier to obtain jobs after

graduation or gain admissions to graduate schools.

Another positive effect of these ratings is on the campus morale. President William Merwin told The Daily Times in a recent interview that, since the

ratings had come out, overall campus morale was higher.

As for students, the effects seem obvious so far. An increased sense of pride in the school has been created. "It's been surprising. Being a local, you don't expect it to be so good," sophomore John Gotwalt, who is from the Salisbury area,

commented after hearing the new ratings. "I am proud to be going here and proud that the school is doing so well."

## Sophanes provides SSU with theatre for the masses

Amber Pilon  
Flyer Staff Writer

Artistic and personal exploration in a comfortable, inviting atmosphere is what SSU's theatre group, Sophanes, offers to all interested students.

Whether it is backstage, on

stage or at its weekly meetings, Sophanes provides the opportunity for students of all ages and majors to dabble in theatre and possibly learn a little about themselves too. Professor of Communication Arts Andrew Hepburn said, "How do you come to know [and to define] yourself. By working [alongside others] in a group."

Certainly, there is work to be done. The theatre department welcomes volunteers dealing with all aspects. Some backstage avenues are concession stands, costumes, lighting, prop construction, stage makeup and more. No prior knowledge or theatre classes are required for participation. Hepburn explained that Sophanes "is not an advanced experience in theatre. It's for the novice." In addition, students can drop in on any of Sophanes' weekly meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in room 203 of Fulton Hall.

Sophanes has planned an active schedule of activities for the fall semester. Wednesday, Sept. 23 will bring special guest artist Paul Zimmerman who will introduce various impromptu acting activities. Sophanes president, accounting and finance major

Trish Eckstein, noted that such Improv Nights will help even non-theatre majors to express themselves. "Almost all things designed [by Sophanes] will help you with your opinion of yourself," she said.

A stage lighting workshop is scheduled for Sept. 30, an interest meeting for Sophanes' annual trip to New York's Broadway will be Nov. 4 and a stage makeup session is planned for Nov. 11.

Tension-relieving Game Nights are scheduled during the midterm and final exam periods of Oct. 14 and Dec. 2.

Sophanes leaders Eckstein, vice president Katie Profili, secretary Jocelyn Wright and treasurer Cate Sheehy are considering additional activities as well. Hosting a murder mystery show, traveling to see a production of The Hobbit and Christmas caroling are all tentative projects.

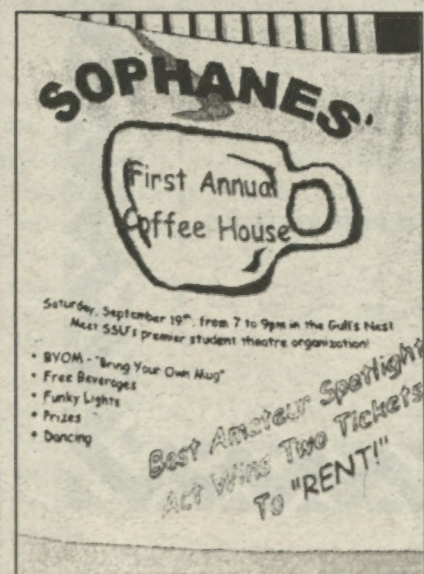
Finally, all students are welcome to audition for any of SSU's productions. One upcoming opportunity will be in November, when Director of Theatre Paul Pfeiffer holds auditions for the musical A Funny Thing Happened

on the Way to the Forum.

This spring, Sophanes will produce its annual student-run play. Directed by senior Joshua Knapp, the 1960s drama Moonchildren will appear April 30, May 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The audition dates for this play have yet to be announced.

Most dates for tryouts and Sophanes events can be subject to change. If interested, contact any Sophanes member or theatre professor or drop by a Wednesday meeting.

Possibly the most alluring aspect of Sophanes is that all students are welcome. In its 50 or more years of existence, Sophanes has seen members of all ages, backgrounds and majors. Senior Sophanes participant John Carlson explained, "There are all kinds of roles [and activities] for every type of person." Carlson began experimenting in theatre during the latter portion of his SSU stay. His advice to non-participants is to give it a try. Carlson, in fact, wishes he "would've gotten involved as a freshman" because he's had such a positive experience with this group.



Sophanes first event was a great success.

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# WHO'S WHO AT SSU?

## Spectacular Student: John Pritchett

A weekly look at SSU's excellent academics

Jennifer Martin  
Flyer Staff Writer

Last week he saw Pearl Jam at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and this week John Pritchett will see them again. Only, this time, he will be close enough to touch them. "I have front-row center tickets," he said enthusiastically. It's a wonder how Pritchett finds time to enjoy events like this.

Currently SGA president, vice-president of the financial management association, and a DJ on WSUR, just to name a few, it is amazing that this exceptional senior finds time to sleep. "I wouldn't know how to function if I wasn't busy," Pritchett said.

Growing up in Easton, a graduate of Easton high school, Pritchett was just as involved and outgoing as he is now. Pritchett ran track all throughout high school, participated in the student council, the varsity club and habitat for humanity. Pritchett also played soccer and coached a youth soccer team. "I was

very involved in the community and the schools," he said.

Arriving at college, Pritchett carried with him eagerness in supporting the school. Last January, he took on his



SGA President John Pritchett

greatest challenge as SGA president. Pritchett ran for office because of his concern for the student community. "I really hope to convey the student voice," he said. Although frustrating at times, it is a challenge that Pritchett welcomes. Recently, the SGA received approval allowing five more channels to be added to the campus network, including

Comedy Central, ESPN2, The Discovery Channel, VH1 and The Cartoon Network. By the end of September, the channels will be available, giving student greater variety.

Meeting once a week, the SGA serves as a link to a network of communication. Pritchett hopes to continue "building on the voice of the students as well as the administration." This position has not only made him grow as a person, but it has also brought many fond memories. "I really enjoy meeting new people and making new friends," he said with a huge grin.

Being a business major with a concentration in marketing and finance, it is hard to believe that he attends classes as well. Pritchett's work load is tough, but with the SGA, the radio station and the financial management association, he still finds time to participate with the Perdue School Dean's Council, play intramural football and lend his vocals to a band called "Release." He said that the key to being involved is "time management."

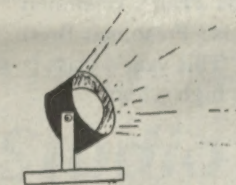
Next semester, however, he will have

a little more time on his hands. His term as president will end in December and his classes will be much easier. "I'll have more time to relax," he said with an anticipating sigh.

Pritchett will no doubt have a full resume which may make his chances of working with Merrill Lynch a little easier. Interning for them last year in the financial services district, Pritchett would like to work for them next fall at their corporate office located in New Jersey.

Although unsure if he will be there in a year, it is hard to believe that he won't succeed. With his perseverance and extraordinary people skills, Pritchett's hard work and tireless effort will certainly pay off. Right now, he just wants to take his last year day by day and have fun. Tomorrow he will certainly be having fun at the Pearl Jam concert. It seems like Pritchett is never bored, and he spends his free time with as much enthusiasm as he takes to the office of SGA president.

## Spotlight on Robert Tregenza



Dana Cassidy  
Flyer Staff Writer

Each week in Spotlight, Dana Cassidy ventures out into SSU's hallowed halls of academia in search of campus profiles.

Robert Tregenza, new member of the SSU faculty as an associate professor of Communication Arts, is self-described as a "teacher, writer, director." Tregenza joins SSU this semester to teach interviewing and writing for broadcasting, and is backed by a lengthy list of credentials which is sure to impress even the most discerning student.

Tregenza, who received a doctorate of philosophy in theatre arts, motion picture/television from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1982, has been teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level for over 25 years. In conjunction, he has been making films since he was an undergraduate at California State University [CSU], Northridge in 1968.

Tregenza was born in Wichita, Kan., but has lived "all over," ranging from Australia to Canada. When asked what eventually led him to California for college, he said, "If you were interested in film in the sixties, New York or L.A. was the place to go. It wasn't a choice." Thus, his film and academic career began.

While an undergraduate, CSU took notice of Tregenza's film work and offered him a teaching position upon his graduation in 1972. Tregenza said, "Teaching was a way to help me learn what I wanted to learn quickly. The act of teaching is the way you really learn. Teaching brought me closer to cinema, closer to film. It brought me closer to the subjects I was interested in."

Tregenza's resume is impressive and reads like a book. One excerpt stated, "Since 1985, as the president of Baltimore Film Factory, a commercial motion picture and broadcast production company, Dr. Tregenza has written, directed and produced award winning national and regional broadcast, narrowcast, corporate and interactive media programs for such major American companies as Panasonic, DuPont, IBM, Northwest Airlines, Blue Cross and Blue Shield."

Chrysler Corporation, DEC, Nissan, American Red Cross, CSX, Orange and



Robert Tregenza brings experience and flavor to CMAT classes at SSU.

Rockland Public Utilities and Baltimore Gas and Electric."

Although it is hard to single out just one achievement as the most noteworthy, it goes without saying that

Tregenza's critically acclaimed films merit significant mention. Since 1988, Tregenza has written and directed three 35mm feature films. His first film, Talking to Strangers, was nominated by the IFP/West "Spirit" Awards in 1990 for the categories Best First Director and Best Cinematography. Jonathan Rosenbaum of "The Chicago Reader" called the film a "masterpiece."

Tregenza went on to write and produce The Arc in 1991 and is currently basking in the glow of his 1997 movie Inside/Out. This movie was shown at the Cannes Film Festival and was reviewed by Kimberly Newman for "The Hollywood Reporter." Newman's review included, "Lacking the plot or emotional impact of the mainstream Awakenings or One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," this independent production is an extraordinary visual experience...This film represents perhaps the height of cinematic style, but possibly also the nadir of public appeal. Put another way, it is not for the intellectually infirm or impatient. Only true cinematic enthusiasts need attend."

Tregenza and his wife, who he married 20 years ago after meeting her on a Hollywood set where she was a

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# Who's Who AT SSU?

## Spectacular Student: Mindy Allen

A weekly look at SSU's excellent academics

Jennifer Martin  
Flyer Staff Writer

Being an only child, Mindy Allen got a lot of attention. Now she gives her attention to others. Currently the president of Delta Gamma, Allen spends most of her time involved with student activities. Describing herself as "self-motivated and organized," Allen, a native of Calvert County, MD, works as an assistant at the Office of Student Activities and Organizations, as a University Host conducting tour guides and as a mentor for incoming freshmen. Furthermore, Allen lends a helping hand to the Greek Council and the Order of Omega. "I need to be involved to stay on top of things," she says.

A petite junior with straight blonde hair, Allen admitted that at first

she didn't think of herself as the sorority

type. She rushed however in the fall of 1996 and "really liked the group of girls." As president last spring and this fall, Allen has learned "time and stress management."

Not only is junior Mindy Allen the president of Delta Gamma, she works in the Student Activities Office. Delta Gamma, she explained, helps the community in various ways, particularly focusing on the blind. "We drive blind people to the library and collect Campbell soup labels which benefit blind children."

Allen is especially anticipating



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Delta Gamma's upcoming fund-raiser event in early November. Called "Anchor Splash," Allen explains that it is the "biggest Greek fund-raiser nationwide" which consists of pool games

for all ages. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to the Service for Sight which aids the blind.

When she isn't involved with her many activities, this elementary education major said that she does have

time for herself. Allen enjoys hanging out with her friends, swimming and reading - "especially books that Oprah recommends," she said.

In addition to the tour guides, fundraisers, meetings, the sorority and her job, Allen is extremely concerned about her education. She hopes to be a second, third or fourth grade teacher. "I'd like to teach social studies or reading," she said.

Her non-stop commitment, dedication, and experience "dealing with different people" will certainly make her an outstanding teacher. For now, however, she spends much of her time helping others, but yearns for weekends like everyone else. "Fridays are all for me," she says with a grin. And rightfully deserved.

## New freshmen class is the largest in SSU history

Emily Nock  
Flyer Staff Writer

Two years ago, a class of 695 freshmen came to Salisbury State University. At the time that was considered a large class for the college. This year, however, the freshman class has reached a record number of 929 students.

Why so many more freshmen? According to Jane Dane, dean of admissions and financial aid, the increase is due to a larger number of high school graduates and a request by faculty members for more freshman that would stay all four years on campus.

This is the second year that there has been an increase in the size of incoming freshmen. It is not, however, a trend that will be followed next year. "Our resources would not support a third year of such large classes," Dane stated.

So far, there have been no major problems with the supply of available resources on campus. However, there was a strain on available housing. Though all freshmen were provided for, not as many transfer students could be housed.

Safety is another factor that may be affected by the large number of freshmen. "I am concerned that there may be an increase in what happens to

freshmen. We do not have enough upperclassmen on campus to lead the freshmen," Sergeant Carlton Tobias [Toby], of the campus police, commented.

Measures are being taken to maintain the safety of the students. A section of the freshmen orientation class focuses on public safety and incorporates the Salisbury city police, as well as the campus police. In addition, Tobias said a level of awareness is maintained



Influx of freshman crowd the dining hall.

throughout the school year by talking. Frequent programs are held in the residence halls, and a newsletter with safety tips is distributed.

How big does this year's freshmen class seem to students? Freshman Brett Gardner said it best. "This year's class is bigger than my entire high school."

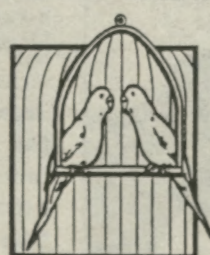
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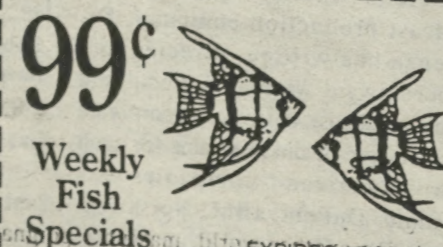


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# Arts & Entertainment

## • RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Cactus Taverna offers mouthwatering paradise

Dana Cassidy  
Flyer Staff Writer

Cactus Taverna was just recently voted number one by Metropolitan Magazine in the categories "Best Mexican Restaurant," "Best Service" and "Best Waiter: Walter Huber" for 1998, and it is no wonder why. My entire experience at Cactus Taverna was superior. From the atmosphere, to the service, sangria and food, I give it an A+.

This place is a treasure. Go there, go there, go there! Tuesday night was the most wonderful meal I have had since I moved here 13 months ago.

Just to give you a little perspective, my boyfriend was in town, and he is the ultimate food snob. Therefore, I felt he was the best choice to help me review the evening's meal. He is a chef back home with nine years experience in the food industry, and he is highly critical of anything that comes across his plate.

The moment we walked in the door, we were warmly greeted by the owner Imad Abu. A minute later we were shown to our table - a booth that

gave me a great view of the restaurant. The decor was colorful and put us in a festive mood right away. In addition, I was impressed that on a Tuesday night there was an acoustic performer named Dave who played with as much enthusiasm as someone who was playing for a crowded restaurant, not just a dozen tables.

After being seated, we were promptly greeted by our server Carl, who I later found out is an SSU senior. When we walked in the door, there was a board that had 15 different specials posted on it. Just to test our server, I asked him what the specials were. He impressed me as recited every one with detail, ease and poise.

I have had a hankering for sangria for a while, so a carafe of that and a Dos Equis beer were ordered. As we mulled over the menu and munched on fresh chips and salsa, we debated over whether to order the calamares fritos off the menu or to order the escargot, the evening appetizer special. We chose the latter.

Carl promptly returned with our beverages. He was armed with a pitcher of sangria - the largest carafe I've ever

seen, but who am I to complain? We proceeded to order our appetizer and began sipping our heavenly red wine sangria made with fresh fruit. The next monumental task was to decide on our entree. When Carl had recited the specials, he mentioned a Salmon Veracruz that sounded right up my alley. Josh, my boyfriend, could not decide what to order, so he asked for a recommendation. Carl suggested the fajitas and the Zarzuela. Not one for convention, the Zarzuela is what he ordered.

We did not have to wait long before we were served a steaming hot order of escargot swimming in a garlic butter sauce that makes you think you're in heaven. In addition, we were surprised with a treat called ceviche.

It is an appetizer of flounder that is cooked by the acid in lemon and lime juices as it marinates and infuses it with flavor. It was served cold over lettuce with onions and made for a delightful alternative to the norm.



Cactus Taverna is located on Rt. 13 north, just past the mall.

We were just finishing our appetizers when our dinners arrived. Before we dove in, we took a moment to appreciate the beautiful presentation. Then we got down to business. The Zarzuela was a steaming bowl of scallops, shrimp, squid, fresh fish and mussels in a Spanish herb sauce that I can only describe as incredible. It was tender and cooked to perfection.

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## • MOVIE REVIEW

## Studio 54's lesson in excess proves skimpy in plot

Kate Montero  
Features Editor

Pretty faces, naked bodies, decadent attitudes and a dazzling disco soundtrack are the few factors that help save Studio 54 from becoming completely lost in its skimpy storyline.

Studio 54 is a movie based upon the infamous New York nightclub that dominated the late 70's and early 80's in after-hours entertainment. A club designed exclusively for celebrities to get their kicks, Studio 54 was the place to see and get it all.

With such great potential for an outrageously captivating storyline, director Mark Christopher leaves a little too much to the imagination. The film comes and goes in 89 minutes with the viewer still waiting for some character development or even a decent climax.

The movie begins pretty strongly, giving false hope to an anxious viewer. Ryan Phillippe's classic good looks dominate the screen, and as a female viewer one is almost tempted to forget about wanting a storyline, happy

just to drool for an hour and a half. Phillippe plays 19-year-old Shane O'Shea, a New Jersey native who is let in to the exclusive Manhattan club only after taking off his shirt. Most recently seen in I Know What You Did Last Summer, this former One

Life to Live star lights up the screen with baby blue eyes and a dazzling smile, easily pulling off the role of the naive kid striving to make it big.

The best part of the movie is when Shane first enters the club and the viewing audience gets its first look at what must have been the most outrageously unbelievable place. It is like entering another world, making the viewer want to get out of their movie

seat so they can disco dance as one of the exclusive few to be let in. Pills are popped, and skin is bared, as Shane takes in pure euphoria.

After this opening scene, the plot remains very static. However, the richly written and performed character of nightclub owner Steve Rubell, played by Mike Myers, does keep the viewing audience entertained.

A repulsive as Rubell's over-excessive character is, Myers manages to make him almost lovable in a sense. Clad in a very groovy satin jacket, Rubell hob nobs with the stars with his poignant understanding that celebrities want to be treated like royalty. It is

Rubell that quickly hires Shane as part of his handsome bussing staff. This is where the discombobulated storyline of Studio 54 begins.

Upon Shane's first, fast and furious night as the new busboy, he meets co-workers Anita (Salma Hayek) and her husband Greg (Breckin Myer). They quickly become friends for life and Shane move in with them that night. Hayek, most recently seen in Desperado and Fools Rush In, is very appealing in her role. Anita, as aspiring singer, is the first character to introduce the recurring theme of the movie: do whatever it takes to get ahead.

Shane, who is reluctant to jump on the sell-your-soul bandwagon, does allow himself to be seduced by a high-profile celebrity (Sela Ward) who claims he has the "body of David and the face of a Botticelli."

Shane is thrust into a fast-paced life of sex and drugs. With second thoughts about his major life decisions and the way he alienated his family, Shane goes to spend a lonely Christmas

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Salma Hayek and Ryan Phillippe boogie down in 54.

## What's happening? A guide to campus events

### Journey to another land

### Winter term study in Ecuador

Janene White & Veena Narang  
Special to The Flyer

There is no place quite like Ecuador. Where else can you stand in ancient Incan ruins, hike at 13,000 feet through the clouds of the Andes, eat tropical fruits in December, visit two hemispheres at the same time, bathe in ancient volcanic baths, bargain with indigenous craftsmen in the marketplace and have a life changing experience?

Last Christmas day I hugged my nervous family goodbye and, along with my friend Veena, hopped a plane to Miami, our first stop on the way to the capital city of Quito. We had both seen the token, "Come to Ecuador slides" in Spanish class, been to the interest meetings and done a little tour guide reading, but honestly, nothing prepared us for what we would find a day and a half later when we landed in the Quito airport. Greeted by hordes of Ecuadorians awaiting their loved ones, our first impressions of this new country were mysterious and strange. We anticipated little of what we would come to experience and love during the next four weeks.

Throughout the next month, our group encountered a country rich in the diversities of people, language and custom. The Salisbury itinerary allowed for students to stop and experience life in three different cities: the capital city of Quito, the resort town of Banos de Ambato and,

finally, the colonial city of Cuenca. Traveling through Ecuador with faculty from SSU and Frostburg created a sense of community among all the travelers and even made the long bus rides fun. Once in Cuenca, students participated in a variety of classes at the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos. Other cultural activities were offered, including Latin American dance lessons, Saturday excursions and lectures on the environmental policies of foreign companies in the Amazon region, area politics and national struggles.

Living with host families for part of our stay also helped to enrich the cultural knowledge we gained about the country. Talking, eating and spending time at the country hacienda with our native families provided experiences that can never be recreated in the classroom. Many of the students still communicate with their host families as we are now truly part of their families. The time spent in Ecuador will leave you with many memories of the welcoming spirit of the people, the incredible landscape, the unique culture and the intrigue of a nation still developing and finding its niche in the world. Like us, you will probably spend afternoons, long after your trip, looking at your pictures, remembering the one-of-a-kind experiences you had and planning your next, perhaps a return trip.

SSU and Frostburg State University are once again pursuing a unique cooperative agreement which will provide students with the exciting opportunity of studying Spanish language and literature in Ecuador during the month of January 1999. For both SSU and Frostburg, this is the first university sponsored language study abroad program and will be supported by the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Professors from Frostburg, SSU and St. Ambrose University will be among the staff offering second and fourth semester Spanish classes, a class in Andean Culture and an advanced Spanish literature class. There are also courses taught in English on Latin American women; these courses will have a one hour a day session in "survival" Spanish for those with no previous exposure to that language. This year, for the first time, there are courses in English on Latin American History and Social Work issues in Ecuador taught by professors from St. Ambrose University. Transfer of the credits for these courses needs to be arranged with the chair of the department housing these disciplines at SSU.

The program will run from Dec. 26, 1998 to Jan. 17, 1999 and will cost \$2,075. This fee is all inclusive (round trip airfare from Miami [depending on current negotiations - Newark, NJ - Quito] to Quito, housing, most meals, ground transportation in Ecuador, in state tuition and fees for three credits, etc.)

For more information, please come to one of the interest meetings on September 24 in Caruthers Hall 105 at 3:30 pm or at 7:30 for more specific details. You may, of course, call visit or write to: Dr. G.R. St. Martin, Department of Modern Languages, Salisbury State University, Language House, Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801-6860; or call:

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stunt double, work together for their labor of love - films. In addition, his daughter, Eareckson, an 18-year-old student at St. John's College in Annapolis, plays the harp in the background music for Inside/Out.

Presently, Tregenza is living in Ocean City as he teaches, continues to write movies and works on various other projects. He recently completed three screenplays and is now focusing on the distribution of Inside/Out, which is set to be released in Baltimore Sept. 25, New York Oct. 7 and Los Angeles Oct. 30, after already being shown at the Toronto, Vancouver, Cannes and Sundance film festivals.

After spending the majority of the first half of the year traveling and working in Europe, Tregenza is pleased to be at SSU. He said he was first impressed with the aesthetics of the campus. In addition, he said, "Initially I was very impressed with the way technology has been integrated into the teaching process...it (technology) opens up the classroom, particularly when you're teaching media."

Paul Scovell, chair of the communications department, said the response to Tregenza from his peers and students has been positive so far. Mike Starace, a junior who is one of Tregenza's interviewing students, said, "My first impression of Dr. Tregenza was that he was a very laid back individual. You could tell by his hair and the way he dressed in jeans. I hope to gain from him a fantastic insight of how to be a great interviewer with his background and his insight into the movie industry."

SSU welcomes Tregenza and wishes him luck at the Toronto Film Festival!

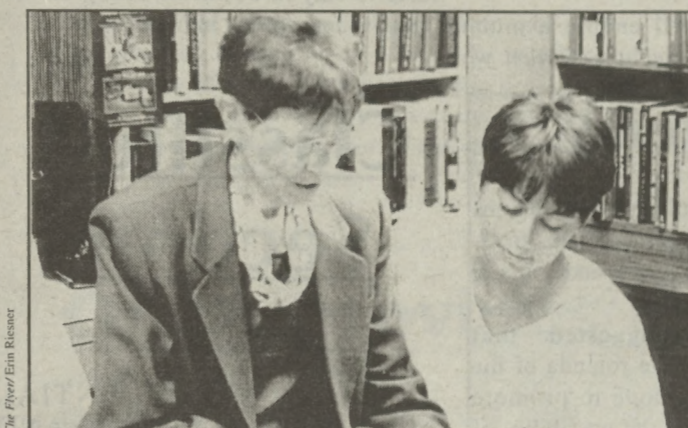
## What's happening? A guide to campus events

### So what exactly is 'gay' anyway?

Rebecca James  
Special to The Flyer

With little fanfare, SSU made history. Last Tuesday marked the beginning of SSU's first Gay and Lesbian literature studies class, taught by professor of English Polly Stewart. Stewart is the creator and energy behind the class, which was designed to give

Many of the assigned authors wrote long before the term 'homosexual' was coined about 130 years ago; 'gay' used in this context has only been used for a few decades. Inevitably, the question arose: what exactly is 'gay' writing? Since some of the authors would probably not subscribe to the '90s' definition of 'gay,' we must ask "what exactly is 'gay'?"



Polly Stewart (left) and Rebecca James are both involved in GALA.

students a taste of gay and lesbian writing, an aspect of literature that often gets overlooked in English classes.

people, political figures, religious and civic leaders, teachers, parents and much more. Gay lives revolve around sex no

more frequently than in straight lives. In identifying as 'lesbian,' it means that the most fulfilling intellectual, emotional and physical relationships occur with other women. Stereotypes and homophobia happen when people do not

have the information and familiarity with gay people that allows them to realize that the gay population is as diverse as the entire world's population.

The label 'gay' lets many people feel that they can assume certain things, as if 'coming out of the closet' requires leaving the individual self behind. This

idea is not just perpetrated by straight culture; some gay people, overcome by the thrill of acceptance for the first time in their lives, are guilty too. What everyone needs to remember is the idea

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### Cactus Taverna hits the spot

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receiving a rave review from Josh. My Salmon Veracruz was a beautiful piece of salmon topped with scallops, shrimp and a creamy, mildly spicy white sauce, accompanied by tender carrots and potatoes. It is my advice to take your time and enjoy every morsel.

As we were enjoying our meal, Imad, the hospitable owner, made his rounds to every table with a pouch of Chablis that he happily pours into your mouth as you sit there and enjoy. He said the trick is to keep your mouth open as you swallow and he keeps pouring. It was reminiscent of my trip to Cancun a few years back.

Except there, they tried to kill you with tequila.

It was murder trying to finish the last few bites of our meals. We were so incredibly full, but we managed somehow. After we were done, our plates were promptly cleared. Originally we had intended to try dessert, but it was just not possible any longer. We still had half a pitcher of sangria left, so we decided to stay a relax while listening to Dave. The restaurant is a smoke-free atmosphere. So, of course, being slaves to our addiction we had to go outside to

smoke a cigarette before staying a while longer.

Much to our surprise, when we returned to our table, we were delighted to find two beautiful desserts compliments of Imad. Although we were full, we could not resist the beautiful and incredibly fresh strawberries topped with a sinful homemade whipped cream. We were also surprised with my favorite, flan. It was smooth and creamy, served with a rich caramel sauce with lemon essence. Then, as if we had not been spoiled enough, Imad surprised us with a delightful port that complimented the strawberries and flan incredibly.

If you cannot guess by now, I had an incredible dining experience at Cactus Taverna. It is THE restaurant I will be telling all of my friends about. I encourage you to go. Although I have not been on a weekend, I hear it's a great time. If you are looking for a place to take a date, go. If you are looking for a place to take your parents when they come in town, go. If you are looking for outstanding service, food and atmosphere at a very reasonable price, go. I doubt you will be disappointed.

### Studio 54

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Day at a Jersey restaurant. It is here where Neve Campbell's character, a soap opera star that is the secret love of Shane's life, is truly introduced. The two instantly hit it off, having already crossed paths at 54. Campbell's character, along with Shane, use each other to come to the joint conclusion that personal morals are what will truly get you ahead.

With all this happening, one would expect a well put together climax and

resolution. This, however, doesn't happen. It almost seems like the writer wanted a fast way to sum up what could have been a very dazzling story. The IRS comes in and busts Rubell, thus leaving the empire of 54 to collapse in roughly 10 minutes.

With greater concentration in character development and the already fascinating glamour and mystic offered by the real 54, this movie could have been what it was pumped up to be. Despite its various flaws, Studio 54 is worth seeing, at least on video.

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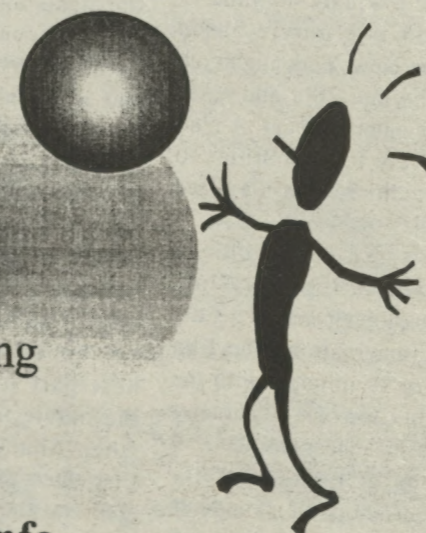
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## Vending machines increase in both cost, variety

Kate Montero  
Features Editor

You are running down the halls in order to make it to class on time. Suddenly that nagging pang of hunger mounts a surprise attack, and you realize that there is no way that you will make it through class without a quick stop at the all holy vending machine.

After surveying the money situation, you are relieved to find exactly \$1.00 in nickels and dimes. However, a new increase that has raised vending machine prices this year leaves

you with the decision to side with either your hunger or your thirst.

The initial reaction to the above scenario may be anger. However, John Yarborough, Director of Central Stores, said that a price increase was the only way that on-campus vending machines could stay in business.

"The cost of vending machine items in the six years that the vending machine program has been in existence, has gone up an average of 16.1 percent," said Yarborough.

Yarborough stated, "We are just trying to stay liquid." Yarborough

also said that the vending machines had actually been losing money.

"The Hostess loaf cake costs us 42 cents. By charging 50 cents, we were only making an eight cent profit. So after losing a couple to staleness or other factors, you are no longer making a profit."

Yarborough hopes that the vending machine program will improve this year when SSU finalizes the purchase of machines that have a 45 product capacity.

"This will enable a much wider variety of selection of what we

are able to offer. We are also going to try and offer 10 to 15 items of healthier foods, such as grain bars," said Yarborough.

In late September or early October, SSU will get Hostess vending machines, making the university the first place in the US, excluding military bases where they are available.

Yarborough said, "We feel really good that the campus community is getting the best deal, while we are still able to stay in business. That's all we really want - to stay in business."

## Kiosk removal sparks campus controversy

Andrew Kamp  
Flyer Staff Writer

Students returning to SSU may have noticed something missing, the familiar information kiosks that were located around the campus. President Merwin made the decision to remove the kiosks over the summer before they became eye-sores.

Because the kiosks were removed during the summer months, many student organizations who use these kiosks were unable to express their feelings towards their removal.

A memorandum was sent to student organization presidents and advisors from Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol Williamson, explaining the removal of the kiosks. The memo stated, "The four outdoor kiosks were removed this summer for a variety of reasons. Including complaints from

student organizations whose promotional materials were covered over by other organizations or off-campus vendors, their questionable value as an effective means of promotion, the display of offensive material, and their perpetual state of disarray."

Although at the time the moving of the kiosks may have seemed inconsequential, it is now leaving organizations scrambling for legitimate places to post their news and information.

"We are trying to inform all student organizations how to best utilize the remaining advertising resources on campus," explained the Director of Student Activities, Joe Oravec.

Oravec's department is struggling to find alternative advertising means that do not violate on-campus

policies. Current university regulations prohibit posting on garbage cans, trees, light post and on any walls and doors in campus buildings.

Oravec suggested that hanging banners in the rotunda of the Commons, as was done to promote Welcome Week, and the possibility of utilizing the wall space opposite the Book Rack in the lower level of the Commons Building would provide students outlets to relay information.

Williamson's memo also included several alternatives to posting on the kiosks, including SGA literature racks, *The Flyer*, *The SSU Newsletter*, bulletin boards in campus buildings, WSUR radio and MAX closed circuit television. The memo also states the possibility of the university acquiring College Television Network (CTN) and a large outdoor electronic bulletin board.

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## What's happening? A guide to campus events

### Come and see Churchill . . . chomping on a stogie?

When photographer Yousef Karsh set out to make a portrait of Winston Churchill in 1941, Great Britain's prime minister lit a fresh cigar and puffed vigorously.

Karsh held out an ashtray, but Churchill ignored it. Karsh waited and Churchill continued to chomp on his stogie. Finally, the photographer approached his subject and plucked the cigar out of his mouth.

"By the time I got back to my camera, he looked so belligerent he could have devoured me," Karsh recalled. "It was at that instant that I took the photograph."

Karsh's Churchill became one

of the most widely reproduced images in the history of photography. Some have even suggested that the glowering, don't-mess-with-me image helped the Allies win World War II in Europe.

Now nearly 90-years-old, Karsh ranks as the most celebrated portrait photographer of the 20th century. In fact, during the 1940's, 50's and 60's, it seemed that everyone who was anyone had to be "Karshed," as one of his subjects put it.

Now, running through Oct. 25, an exhibit of more than 50 photographs of Karsh's most famous images will be in the University Gallery at SSU. The glittering company includes US presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John

F. Kennedy; First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy; a young Princess Elizabeth before she became Queen; artists Picasso and Alexander Calder; film stars Clark Gable and Laurence Olivier; Albert Einstein; writers Ernest Hemingway and Robert Frost (with his dog); and the only color photo in the group, Pope John Paul II.

"It's a very nostalgic exhibit," said Ken Basile, director of the University Galleries. "I think people will enjoy it."

In his published works, Karsh reminisces about his famous subjects. He recalls how Harry Truman was "short of temper, long on common sense." Singer Jessye Norman was "enthusiastic and

free of prima donna pretense." Hemingway was "a man of peculiar gentleness."

After more than 50 years, however, Karsh's favorite memory of a photo shoot was when Churchill said, "You can even make a roaring lion stand still to be photographed. You may take another one."

The SSU exhibit is on loan from the Weston Gallery in Carmel, CA, and Karsh's personal archive. Admission, is free and the public is invited. University Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For more information call the University Galleries at 410-543-6271.

## GALA provides an outlet of freedom, expression

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behind a particular gay symbol: the rainbow. Each color of the rainbow represents a different aspect of the gay population. The rainbow includes people of all different economic, ethnic, religious and political backgrounds.

How does this relate to Stewart's class? Being gay is not determined by proof of genital contact between people of the same gender. Being gay is about one's relationships with other people. It is not necessary to prove that writers like Emily Dickinson and William Shakespeare had genital contact with people of the same gender. What is important is that their love and devotion to people of their own gender gives today's society a much more accurate portrayal of gay lives than just drag queens and leather dykes. This statement is not meant to degrade these groups' interests. It is meant to reclaim some visibility for the hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian people who live their ordinary lives with extraordinary courage.

Stewart is also one of two faculty advisors for SSU's Gay And Lesbian Alliance (GALA); the other is Associate Professor of Music Ray Zeigler. GALA is an organization which focuses on providing education and support for SSU students, faculty, staff and alumni who are interested in learning more about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues.

GALA welcomes anyone to

join, especially people with friends, family, roommates or co-workers who are GLBT. The group requests that people interested in attending a meeting respect two rules: 1) All people who attend GALA meetings are entitled to complete confidentiality; only people listed as 'campus contacts,' like Stewart and myself, have given permission to be publicly associated with GALA. 2) GALA meeting are not a place to attack homosexuality. We can refer anyone questioning an individual's right to be gay to the appropriate publications and/or speakers.

GALA is a safe space for people concerned with GLBT issues. Throughout the school year, GALA will be sponsoring speakers on subjects of interest to a large number of students, such as AIDS education, job discrimination and more. Keep an eye out for flyers announcing the confirmed dates. The Speaker's Bureau

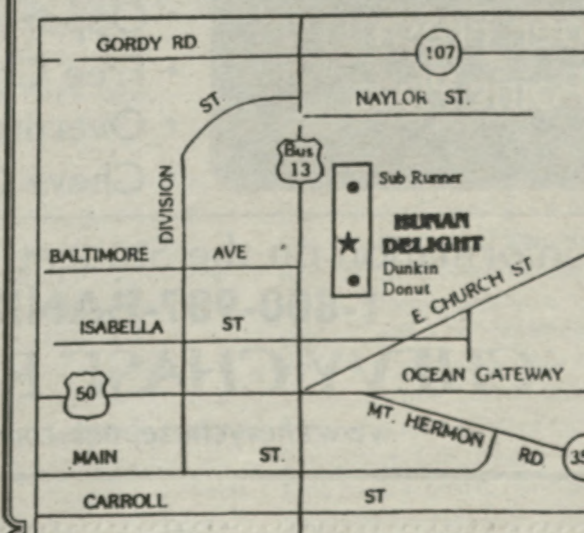
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## On Campus

• FIELD HOCKEY

### Hopper, Wilson combine for six goals in Sea Gull victories

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

It didn't take the SSU field hockey team long to find the win column again after losing in double overtime to John Hopkins last Wednesday.

The Sea Gulls opened their two-day invitational by blanking the Golden Flyers of Nazareth and the Big Red of Denison, 4-0 and 3-0, respectively.

Seniors Megan Hopper and Bonnie Wilson combined for six of the seven SSU goals scored. All-American Hopper led the Sea Gulls last year with 19 goals and six assists and after Saturday is tied at three with Wilson.

"She [Hopper] an all-American player and she showed it today. She's getting back into her rhythm," said SSU head coach Dawn Chamberlin.

In the morning, SSU faced off against Nazareth. The Sea Gulls found the back of the cage first when freshman Brooke Murphy scored off a pass from junior Mary Wilgus with 3:13 left in the first half.

"This is a young squad. We lost a lot of senior leadership. But this is one of the best freshman squads I have ever had," said Chamberlin.

The Sea Gulls came out firing

in the second half as Hopper scored SSU's second goal from outside the circle. Wilson would score the final two goals only a minute and 25

Sea Gulls continued their pressure as Hopper beat Denison goalie Elise Ludwig one-on-one to give the Gulls a 1-0 lead.



Senior Megan Hopper (left) goes after a loose ball against a Denison player in the Sea Gull 3-0 victory on Saturday. Hopper tallied three goals in both games.

seconds apart with 19:04 left in the game. Both goals were assisted by senior Courtney Ball.

The Sea Gulls didn't let up their offensive attack in the second game against Denison. Salisbury remained on the attack for almost the entire first half. After a few corners the

"I just saw it [ball] coming to me and I swept right into the goal and it went in," said Hopper.

Off yet another corner, Wilson fed Hopper for the second time at the 6:21 mark in the first half to give the Sea Gulls a first half lead of 2-0.

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## Men's Soccer

With 22 minutes left in Saturday's game versus Eastern Mennonite the Sea Gulls broke a 1-1 tie when freshman Paul Kelly scored the go ahead goal off a pass from Kyle Eberhardt. The victory on the road improves their record to 5-1. The Gulls go for win number six this Saturday against Frostburg State. If the Gulls win, it will be the first time since 1992 that SSU started their season 6-1.

## Women's Soccer

Freshman Tina Ensor was one goal short of a hat trick, but her two goals led SSU over York on Saturday, 4-0. Junior Jen Marrola and sophomore Allison Nigro scored the first two goals for the Sea Gulls.

(Story this page)

## Volleyball

In a very impressive and quick game against Mary Washington College, the Sea Gulls swept the Eagles in straight sets in less than an hour in their first CAC home game. Senior Jen O'Neil led the team in kills as sophomore Katie Korreck had 29 assists.

(See game story on page 7)

## • WOMEN'S SOCCER

### Ensor's two goals lift Sea Gulls past Spartans

Shawn Kieselmann  
Flyer Sports Writer

After suffering their first loss of the season this past week against sixth ranked Messiah, the SSU women's soccer team came back with a strong effort Saturday, to shut out York College 4-0 at Sea Gull field.

SSU held control of the ball throughout the first half, while shutting York down with their defense. Junior back Jen Mazzola scored the first Sea Gull goal with a strong blast from well outside the goal area at 35:49. Both teams struggled to find other scoring

opportunities for most of the first half. The Sea Gulls, however, refused to get frustrated or lose focus.

"We kept attacking all game, and we didn't play on our heels. We pushed their players back a little and that took them out of their offense," said SSU head coach Jim Berkman.

This aggressive style of play paid off, with 13:45 remaining in the half when sophomore Allison Nigro kicked in a pass from forward Courtney Urban to give the Gulls a 2-0 lead.

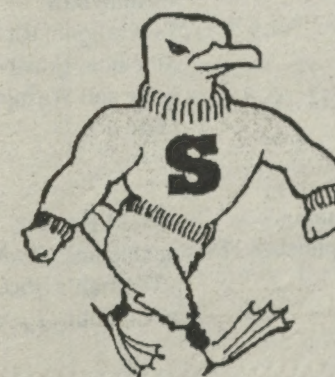
Ten minutes later, freshman midfielder Tina Ensor scored her first goal of the season on a breakaway by trickling the ball past York goalie Caitlin

McCracken.

After enjoying a 3-0 halftime lead the team came out with the same intensity in the second half. The Spartans also picked up their game, but their efforts were thwarted by relentless SSU defenders and goalie Gina Ceneviva.

"We definitely dominated the whole game," said Jen Mazzola. "We did a lot of talking and had a lot of energy." It was that energy that allowed the Gulls to beat York to the ball and prevent them from scoring for the entire game.

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# GAME OF THE WEEK



## SSU SEAGULL INVITATIONAL

### Strong field and former assistant coach take center court

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

This weekend at the Maggs Center volleyball will be the center of attention as a five team field competes in the two-day Sea Gull Invitational. The field consists of Frostburg State University, Catholic University, Richard Stockton, Washington College and SSU, the host school, round out the group.

"I expect a real hard tournament," said SSU head coach Margie Knight, in her second year at the helm.

The Sea Gulls come into the tournament coming fresh off a win over Mary Washington College last Saturday. The Gulls took the Eagles in straight sets, 17-15, 15-2, 15-12. The win improved the Gulls Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) record to 1-1 after suffering a loss to Marymount a week ago, 3-2.

#### • VOLLEYBALL

### Eagles no match for high flying Sea Gulls Korreck leads attack with 29 assists

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

The SSU volleyball team came into their home Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) game versus Mary Washington College (MWC) Saturday in the Maggs Center with one thing in mind, win. It only took the Sea Gulls a little over 50 minutes to finish off the Eagles in straight sets, 17-15, 15-2, 15-12.

The Sea Gulls came in off a tough 3-2 loss on the road last Tuesday to another CAC foe Marymount. "We haven't played a game this quick yet. But we reduced the number of errors and since that match [Marymount] we have worked very, very hard on our serving," said SSU head coach Margie Knight. "It's a nice rebound from Marymount which was a tough loss for us."

The Sea Gulls jumped out early in the first game 7-2. The Eagles would bounce back and knot the game at eight apiece and led 14-10 before the Sea Gulls regained their composure and lead.

"It's been something we have been doing all season. We came out really strong early and get a nice lead and then easy up," said Knight.

The young Sea Gulls are led by seniors Michelle Dugan and Jen O'Neil. O'Neil had 12 kills and seven digs in the Mary Washington victory. She was also named to the all-tournament team two weeks ago at the Gettysburg Invitational.

"She's one of our captains. She has been leading us all year. She's leading us in kills per match," said Knight.

The Sea Gulls have picked up their game, after their loss to Marymount, with a focus on serving. Juniors Liz Houser, Mandy Heagy and freshman Kara Kowalski have stepped up. Sophomore setter Katie Korreck is leading the Gulls in assists and is one of the top Sea Gulls in digs.

A side story to this weekend's tournament is the return of former Sea Gull assistant coach Jen Bowman. Bowman is the new head coach at Frostburg State. She served under Knight last year with the volleyball and

softball teams.

"We are going to be having our former assistant coach Jen Bowman come back home as Frostburg State's new head coach. They right now only have one loss," said Knight.

CAC opponent Catholic University has drastically improved their program. "They are making themselves known in the CAC," said Knight. Richard Stockton should be a tough team in the tournament.

"Last year we lost several games to them [Richard Stockton.] This year we want some revenge," said O'Neil. Washington College rounds out the field but shouldn't be that much of a threat.

"We are looking to win the tournament. I think that would help us regional ranking wise. But we are going to work very hard to do that," said Knight.

Mary Washington twice served for the game, at 14-13 and at 15-14, but SSU would come back with three straight points. Senior Michelle Dugan's service point won the first game, 17-15.

In the second game the Sea Gulls jumped out quick, and even before the Eagles could get set they found themselves down 4-1 and forced to call a timeout. After more of the same of miss cues and hitting the ball out of bounds, Mary Washington head coach Dee Conway was forced to take another timeout, down 8-1.

"We certainly took them [MWC] out of their offense," said Knight. The Eagles would find the scoreboard one more time but it wasn't nearly enough, as the Gulls-won the game 15-2.

The third game started with two quick points from sophomore Katie Korreck serving for the Sea Gulls. But after several sideouts, change of serve, the Eagles behind the serving of freshman Jessica Collings took a three point lead, 5-2.

SSU would rally again and would receive help from the Eagles. MWC miss communicated letting balls drop in, hitting balls into the net and out

of bounds. After yet another MWC timeout, the Sea Gull scoring parade continued with three points to take a 9-6 lead.

The game battled back-and-forth, until junior Liz Houser got an ace on her serve to regain the lead at 13-12. The next play saw a textbook performance by the Sea Gulls. After an Eagle kill, senior Jen O'Neil had a tremendous dig which led to a perfect set for a spike by freshman Kara Kowalski. A final kill by Houser gave the Sea Gulls the game and the match.

"Jen O'Neil had a tremendous dig. She was parallel with the floor. That put one of the final nails in the coffin," said Knight.

The win improves the Sea Gull record to 6-3 and 1-1 in the CAC. MWC dropped to 7-4 and a surprising 0-2 in conference play.

O'Neil led the Sea Gulls with 12 kills followed by Kowalski's eight. Korreck's 29 assists and 15 digs led the Sea Gulls in both categories.

"I think we played very well. It was a big match because Mary Washington is a top team," said O'Neil. "It [the victory] gives something back to our confidence."

### Game Day

Volleyball (6-3)  
vs.  
(Catholic,  
Washington,  
Frostburg State,  
Richard Stockton)

Site: Maggs Center  
When: Friday & Saturday  
Time: TBA

### Schedule

Friday,  
September 25  
Sea Gull Invitational  
- Volleyball  
vs. Catholic, Richard  
Stockton, Frostburg  
State and Washington  
(TBA)

Saturday,  
September 26  
- Cross Country  
at Dickinson  
Invitational (11 a.m.)  
- Football  
at Frostburg State  
(1 p.m.)  
- Field Hockey  
at Ithaca (1 p.m.)  
- Women's Soccer  
at Mary Washington  
(1 p.m.)  
- Men's Soccer  
vs. Frostburg State  
(2 p.m.)  
Sea Gull Invitational  
- Volleyball  
vs. Catholic, Richard  
Stockton, Frostburg  
State and Washington  
(TBA)

Sunday,  
September 27  
- Field Hockey  
at Oneonta (Noon)  
- Women's Soccer  
at Catholic (1 p.m.)

## Sea Gull takes two in own Invitational

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"Salisbury capitalizes on the use of their speed and execution. They have excellent stick skills," said Denison head coach Alix Rorke. "In the past we have lost to them pretty badly, by at least five goals. We always came in a little intimidated."

The relentless Salisbury scoring attack would finish the onslaught when Ball, off a corner, passed to Wilson at the top of the circle. Wilson wounded up and fired past Ludwig to give SSU the 3-0 victory.

"She [Wilson] has a great hit off the corner. If she can get it stopped and connect on it she's going to be hard to stop," said Chamberlin.

The Sea Gulls improved to 3-2 as the Big Red dropped to 7-4. SSU outshot Denison 13-2 and had nine corners to Denison's one. Ludwig made seven saves.

"We certainly are doing what we need to do. We dominated the game. We came out strong and aggressive and held the intensity throughout the entire game," said Chamberlin.

"I like playing Salisbury because it is a challenge and they are top five in the nation no doubt," said Rorke.

The victories help erase the heartbreaking loss to Hopkins. "It

[Hopkins loss] hurt pretty bad. But we came back strong today, I think it made us want it more," said Hopper.

The Sea Gulls travel to New York this weekend to take on Ithaca and Oneonta. "Every time we go to New York it's a big weekend. It's tough. It's

a long weekend for us. It usually takes us 10 hours to get there," said Chamberlin. "We face Ithaca first and they are having a great season now. They always play us strong and playing on their home turf will be tough."

Oneonta is off to an impressive

start. "It's going to be tough. Everybody we play is out to get us. We just need to put the ball in the goal," said Hopper.

NOTES: Eastern Mennonite won the overall tournament. They defeated SSU 2-1 in overtime on Sunday. (The game

took place to late to have complete coverage before press time.) Junior forward Laura Hess netted the overtime goal for the Royals. Senior Kim Brenneman tied the game at one when she scored in the second half with only 46 seconds left in the game. . . . The Royals defeated Nazareth and Denison on Saturday. . . . Eastern Mennonite is a perfect 8-0. . . . Three of the four participating teams were ranked in the weekly field hockey coaches national top 20 poll. Eastern Mennonite checked in at number 10, SSU is 16th and Denison rounds out the poll at 20.



Denison junior Kara Feemster (13) tries to defend Sea Gull back Bonnie Wilson (23).

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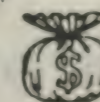
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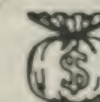
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## • DELMARVA ROCKFISH

## Fall baseball steps up to bat in Delmarva

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

The "Boys of Summer" can't hang up their cleats just yet, as a new Fall League is about to begin in Maryland and Delaware tonight. The Maryland Fall Baseball League debuts in Frederick, Bowie, Wilmington and Delmarva. The league features some of the top young players in Minor League Baseball.

Twenty-seven of the 30 Major League farm systems will be represented by prospects who played at the Class AA and Class A levels this summer. The teams will have an "all-star" look as each of the players will wear the uniforms of their Major League affiliates. The teams will play a 42-game schedule that runs through November 1st.

The teams play doubleheaders every Sunday afternoon, take Mondays off and play every evening from Tuesday through Saturday. Every home Saturday game is fireworks night.

The league was developed by Peter Kirk, Chairman of the Maryland Baseball Limited Partnership, which owns regular season Minor League teams in Bowie, Frederick and Delmarva, and Syd Thrift, Director of Player Development for the Baltimore Orioles. Keith Lupton of the Maryland Partnership is President of the league.

The Maryland Fall Baseball League was created to replace the Hawaii Winter League, a similarly-structured league, which ceased operations after five years. Another similar league, the Arizona Fall League, is made up of the top Triple-A prospects from the 30 Major League teams.

The Delmarva Rockfish open their season on the road tonight at the Bowie Nationals. The Rockfish have prospects from the San Francisco Giants, Montreal Expos, Cleveland Indians, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Boston Red Sox and the Atlanta Braves.

Headlining the list of players is first baseman Damon Minor of the Giants who is the brother of Baltimore Oriole top prospect Ryan Minor. Ryan Minor was the South Atlantic League's Top Prospect last year, when he played for the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Catcher Yorvit Torrealba, outfielder Mike Glendenning and

pitcher Bill Malloy, along with Minor, all played for the San Jose Giants who defeated Rancho Cucamonga for the Class A California League title.

Other notable players on the Rockfish are Montreal pitchers Jason Baker, former Shorebird and Jake Westbrook. Former number one pick Jacob Shumate of the Braves and Dwayne Jacobs should anchor down the pitching staff.

The outfield is full of speed with Cleveland prospect Jason Fitzgerald, Tampa Bay's Alex

prospects consist of Philadelphia top picks Eric Valent and Adam Eaton. Outfielder Dermal Brown led his Wilmington Blue Rocks to the Class A Carolina League title. Minnesota Twins top catching prospect Chad Moeller will be behind the plate.

Frederick Regiment is flooded with New York Met prospects as starting pitcher Grant Roberts should be the ace of the staff. Third baseman

Maurice Bruce led the Capital Bombers to the Class A South Atlantic League Championship. Bruce, the Bomber's leadoff hitter, smacked six home runs in eight post-season games. Former number one pick Terrence Long will room in the outfield.

The Rockfish make their home debut against the Delaware Stars on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium.



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## CAL ENDS STREAK!

"I think the time is right"

BALTIMORE -- The Streak is apparently over. After 16 years and 2,632 consecutive games, Cal Ripken took himself out of the Baltimore Orioles' starting lineup Sunday night and was not expected to play -- ending the most amazing iron man record in sports history with just one week left in the season.

"I think the time is right," Ripken told manager Ray Miller. The 38-year-old third baseman said he was not hurt. But with the Orioles out of playoff contention and playing their final home game against the New York Yankees, Ripken decided to end the string that began on May 30, 1982.

An Orioles source said Ripken, who had started every game during his streak, was not planning to play Sunday night.

The end came during a magical season that has featured the historic home run chase between Mark McGwire

and Sammy Sosa, a perfect game by David Wells and the Yankees' pursuit of the AL record for victories.

"What Cal did is so unbelievable. That's one record I do think that will be around for a generation," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "What he's done, he's done a great thing for baseball."

Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox played his 327th straight game Sunday, the next-longest string in the majors.

There had been recent talk that Ripken would

.273 with 14 home runs and 61 RBIs.

His numbers are among the lowest of his career, which began in 1981. His streak began the next season, when he became the AL Rookie of the Year.

It started when Ronald Reagan was still in his first term as president. It was overseen by eight managers -- including his father, Cal Sr. -- and lasted longer than most baseball careers. It was analyzed, criticized and scrutinized.

And now, it seems to be over. While it appears no one will ever again



Last Sunday against the New York Yankees, Cal Ripken for the first time took himself out of the starting lineup ending his streak at 2,632 games.

play in 2,632 consecutive games, the man who broke Gehrig's seemingly unbreakable record by more than 500 isn't so sure the record will be his for eternity.

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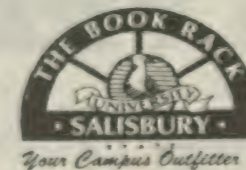
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Ripken began his streak on May 30, 1982.

## Sea Gulls blank Spartans

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The game was capped off when Tina Ensor headed a ball off a cross pass from Tanya Dudrow with 29:28 left to play for her second goal.

"We passed the ball around and looked for opportunities to score. When we found opportunities, we put the ball in the net," said Ensor.

York seemed to be outmatched in their battle with SSU. "We were more athletic, had more team speed and were a deeper team. It was good to get this type of win after a tough loss," said Berkman.

The win improves the Sea Gull record to 6-1, and are ranked fifth in the South Region. The Spartans, in only their third year of play, dropped to 3-4 for the season. The shut out improves SSU's record to 4-0 all-time versus York.

Despite their 1-0 loss this past week to Messiah, the team remains upbeat and motivated. "We'll be all right if we just keep up the momentum and keep working hard. You can't let one loss get you down," said Ensor.



## Gull Takes

### Football

#### Sea Gulls throw game away against Methodist

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The SSU football team received another strong performance by Myron Dent as the Sea Gull offense outgained Methodist College by more than 100 yards. It wasn't enough as the Monarchs intercepted sophomore quarterback Matt Main four times and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown leading to a 21-7 victory.

The Sea Gulls held the ball for nearly 40 minutes in the game but didn't capitalize on their opportunities causing them to suffer their first loss of the season.

"It's disappointing because I think we outplayed them," said SSU head coach Joe Rotellini. "The mistakes at crucial times really hurt us."

SSU gained 186 yards on the ground and 149 through the air to Methodist's 103 yards rushing and 108 yards passing. Dent rambled for 120 yards on 19 carries and Tony Ellis added 56 yards on 14 carries. Main completed 13 of 31 passes for 149 yards.

The first time SSU had the ball, the offense moved deep into Methodist territory, but Main was intercepted in the end zone, ending the drive.

The second drive was positive for the Sea Gulls as well but also proved futile in the end, as Ryan Pusey missed a

25-yard field goal.

The Monarchs would strike first when quarterback Brian Turner connected with William Ray on a 48-yard touchdown pass to give Methodist the 7-0 halftime lead.

SSU opened the second half scoring on a one yard scoring run half. The point after tied the game. On the next Sea Gull possession, Pusey was forced to punt deep in his own territory but had the kicked blocked. Jonty Leak of Methodist picked the ball up and returned it 11 yards for a touchdown to give the Monarch's the lead for good, 14-7.

"The blocked punt was huge because I thought we had the momentum and lost it," said Rotellini. "We can't be discouraged because we moved the ball well most of the day."

SSU was 1-for-6 in scoring chances from inside Methodist's 20-yard line. Ray would receive another touchdown pass from Turner in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring. The Sea Gulls still lead the series record, 5-3.

The Sea Gulls finish their three week road trip next week, traveling to Frostburg State on Saturday.

The SSU Sea Gull Club sponsors weekly luncheons in the Common's Caroline Room on Thursday at Noon. Admission is free for students or faculty with a meal plan. All luncheons are open to the public. Coach Rotellini and selected players will be there to talk about last week's game and scout the upcoming game.

### 4-on-4 Flag Football

#### Own the Zone Tournament

OCEAN CITY, MD. — Cumulus Broadcasting and Ocean City Special events are going to be holding the first ever 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament on the beaches of Ocean City, MD. The event will take place on Saturday, September 26th during Sunfest. The tournament will be held at the Ocean City inlet beach.

The tournament is open to male and female participant's eight years and older. Teams are categorized based on age, height and playing ability. The tournament format consists of pool play, with a single-elimination playoff round in each division.

SSU student's receive 50% off the \$100 registration fee. Teams get official event T-shirts and are guaranteed at least three games.

Entry forms are available at Benders on the Bay, The Ocean City Outlet Mall stores, your local Ford Dealers and various stores on the boardwalk, or by calling 1.800.871.3288.

### • DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS

## Shorebirds wrap up another successful 1998

SALISBURY, MD — With the close of the 1998 season on September 1, 1998, a pair of streaks remained intact for the Delmarva Shorebirds. The teams has now led the South Atlantic League (SAL) in attendance in all three years of its existence, in addition to qualifying for the playoffs in each of those three years.

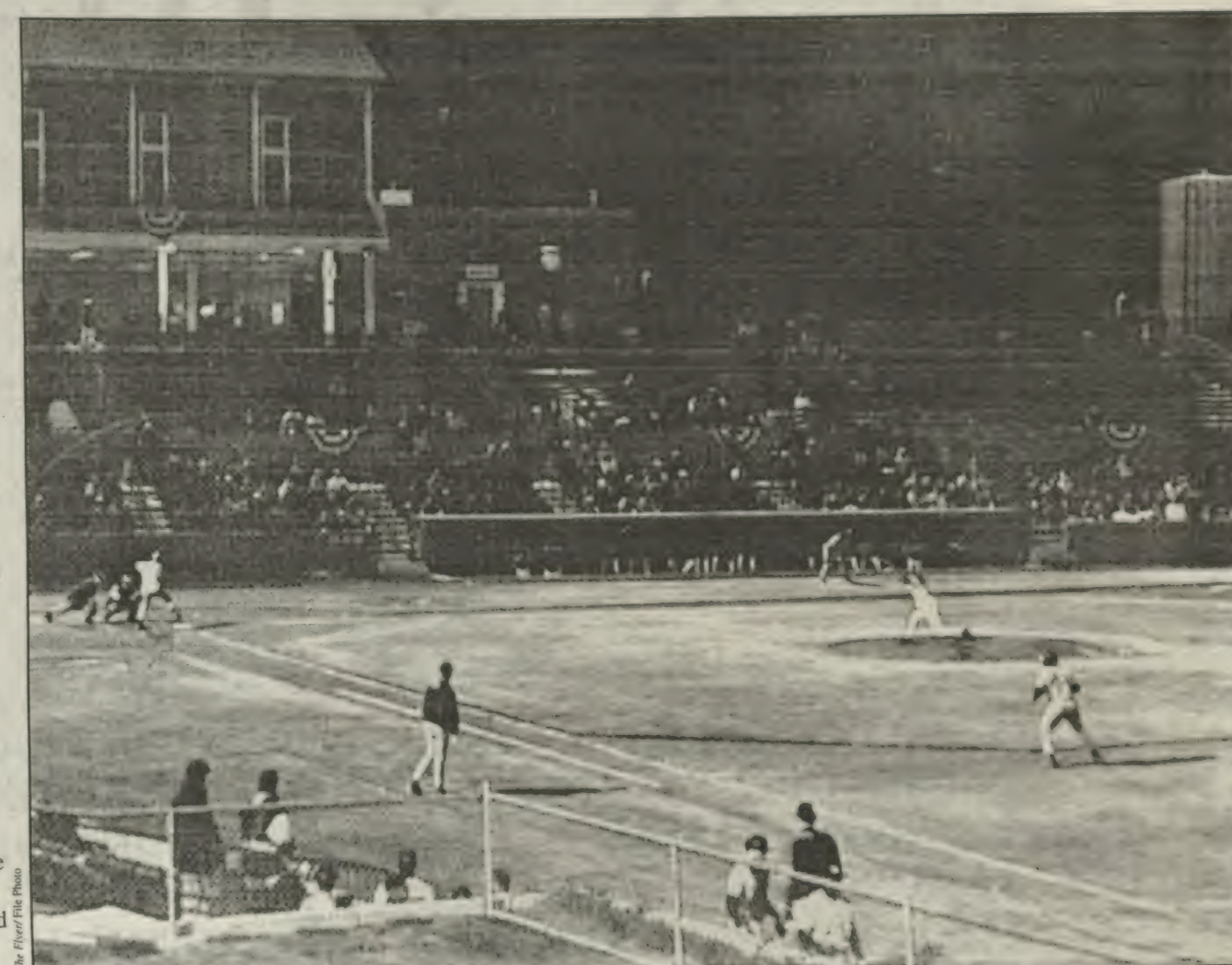
The Shorebirds outdistanced the 13 other teams in the SAL in attendance once again, drawing a final number of 295,938 to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, more than 60,000 greater than second-place Charleston, S.C.

"We're ecstatic with the attendance this season," said Shorebirds General Manager Jim Terrill. "It's common for newer minor league teams to see a pretty big drop-off in attendance in their third year and here we still led the league by a wide margin."

The Shorebirds were even on pace to break the 300,000 barrier once again during the last homestand of the season, but the threatening weather accompanying Hurricane Bonnie dampened the club's hopes.

"Numbers like these just go to show what a great fan base we have here on Delmarva," said Terrill.

The Shorebirds were eliminated in the first round of the playoff by the Hagerstown Suns, 2-0. The 'Birds won the second half of the Northern Division.



The Delmarva Shorebirds are accustomed to packed house at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium on a daily basis.

### NEXT ISSUE:

- \* Full coverage of the volleyball Sea Gull Invitational
- \* Profile on football defensive back Tony Hill
- \* Men's Soccer versus Frostburg State
- \* Delmarva Rockfish home opener
- \* The debut of the Capital Athletic Conference Standings page.

### Special Thanks To:

Sam "The Man" Atkinson

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Alison "Razor Blade" Siegel

5:30 a.m.



### Rockfish Schedule

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Tues./Sept. 22  | at Delaware                  |
| Wed./Sept. 23   | at Delaware                  |
| Thurs./Sept. 24 | at Bowie                     |
| Fri./Sept. 25   | at Bowie                     |
| Sat./Sept. 26   | vs. Delaware (7:05 p.m.)     |
| Sun./Sept. 27   | vs. Delaware (2) (1:05 p.m.) |
| Mon./Sept. 28   | OFF                          |
| Tues./Sept. 29  | at Delaware                  |

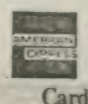


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# GREEK FORUM

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The Flyer

September 22, 1998

## Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma would like to welcome everyone back and thank all the girls who came out for Rush. It was our pleasure to meet each and every one of you. We would also like to thank all of the fraternities for their support during Rush. You guys are great! A big congratulations to Julie Pierno for outstanding work with Rush and to all of the day heads: Allison Harriman, Kym Proctor, Steph Hires, Megan Joy and Allison Tighe. We would also like to congratulate our new VP of Communications, Megan Joy. That's all for now, but get ready because Anchor Splash is coming!

## Greek Council

Greek Council has changed its format...finally! All organization presidents and representatives should be attending bimonthly meetings. If you haven't received a schedule yet, check your SSU mailbox or stop by the Greek Council office and pick up a copy. Congratulations and thank you to Mindy and Jay for planning the successful Meet the Greeks BBQ. Good luck to all Greek organizations during Rush this semester!

## Pi Lambda Phi

Bitter! Congratulations to all our pledges. For any updates on X-Files ask Pete. He doesn't miss a beat. Thanks ZTA for the social. Banned. Tommy Dreamer and the Captain for life. Chris, can you come fix my window? Chi class: beware of the Irishman, he'll get you when you least expect it.

## Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Welcome back SSU. This semester looks to be a great one for SAE, Greeks and Salisbury State University. Thanks to all those who have come out to our parties, Meet the Greeks and our Rush events. We have had great turn outs and great times at all our events. We are looking forward to the Friday's social with Delta Gamma. Our rush has been very successful and we hope our luck continues throughout the year.

## Tau Kappa Epsilon

Welcome back SSU! Hope everyone had a great summer. Wednesday night absolutely rocked. Ink, this week goes to Boone, Vaughn, Joker, Spider and Spooze. Millhouse is Whiffle Ball King. Pearl Jam ruled, thanks for being kind to my house. Until next week..

## Zeta Tau Alpha

Rush ZETA TAU ALPHA! Today is the final day that interested girls can meet the Zetas. Meet us in the Social Room in Holloway Hall at 7 p.m. Call Tara at 410-860-0367 with any questions or concerns. Happy belated birthday to Brandi and Tara. Any organization interested in a social, give Carrie a call at 410-742-8871.

# BRIEFLY STATED

September 22, 1998

The Flyer

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## Auditions for Salisbury Symphony Orchestra

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU and the affiliated Youth Symphony Orchestra are now scheduling auditions for the upcoming orchestra season. Chairs to be auditioned for the Youth Symphony Orchestra are all strings, double reeds, French horn and tuba. The SSO, which rehearses on Sundays from 7-9:30 p.m. on the SSU campus, will be holding auditions for strings, French horn, trombone, trumpet and percussion. Auditions are currently being scheduled. For more information about audition requirements, concert schedules and to schedule an audition for either Orchestra, call the SSO office at 410-548-5587.

## Lambda Pi Eta

A big thank you goes out to LPE's advisors and all members who organized our Welcome Back Social last Thursday. We hope prospective members were able to gain some insight into what LPE is all about. Keep your eye on the Briefly Stated; we will continue to use this as one of our communication outlets for information about upcoming events. Our meeting schedule will also be organized soon. Until then, call Bryan or Dr. Morrison with any questions.

## Student Speaker for December Commencement

The University Graduation Committee is again seeking eligible students to deliver a brief address to graduating seniors this December. Criteria for eligibility include a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (including summer '98 if applicable) and completion of at least 60 semester hours at SSU of which at least 30 semester hours are in 300 or 400 level courses (grades of A, B or C.) if you are interested and eligible for consideration for this honor, pick up an application and timeline in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office in the University Center, room 212. Application and speech must be submitted by noon, October 9..

## Roundtable on Race

This informal discussion group will convene again this year to talk about campus climate, tolerance and diversity issues. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend any or all gatherings as follows: Tuesday, September 30 (Caroline Room of the Commons); Wednesday, October 28 (Caroline Room of the Commons); Thursday, November 19 (Frederick Room of the Commons); Friday, December 4 (Caroline Room of the Commons). All meeting times are from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

## Scholarships Available

National Hispanic Scholarship: Applications for the Hispanic Scholarship are available in the Financial Aid Office, Powell Center 125. Scholarship is for \$1,000. Minimum eligibility requirements are: must be at least half Hispanic; a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; enrolled as full time student (at least 12 credits for undergraduates or 6 credits for graduates); must have already completed at least 15 semester credits of undergraduate work with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Application must be postmarked by October 15, 1998.

## U.S. Department of Energy Scholarship

Funding is available for students interested in pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in such areas as applied health physics, industrial hygiene, radioactive waste management, fusion energy sciences and global change. All programs require the submission of a fellowship application and the completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students must have received their undergraduate degrees in a science or engineering discipline by August 1999.

Fellowship applications are being taken through January 25, 1999 and awards will be announced in April 1999. For additional information write ORISE-SEE, P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117, gradfell@orau.gov or visit our homepage at <http://www.orau.gov/orise/educ.htm>.

Hollaender Postdoctoral Fellowships Recent recipients of doctoral degrees in the life, biomedical and environmental sciences are eligible for the U.S. Department of Energy Alexander Hollaender Fellowship. Each fellowship is served for one year and is renewable for up to

one additional year. The stipend is \$37,500 for the first year and \$40,500 for the second. Research topics include environmental processes and effects, global change research, health effects and biological processes, human and microbial genome research, structural molecular biology, instrumentation for analytical chemistry and medical applications. The deadline to apply is January 15, 1999 and the announcement of awards will be made in April 1999. For more information write Science and Engineering Education, P.O. Box 117, MS 36, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117 or visit the website <http://www.orau.gov/ober/hollaender.htm>.

## National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

The National Science Foundation (NSF) will award approximately 1,000 new Graduate Research Fellowships awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering supported by the NSF. The deadline for application in the 1999 competition is November 5, 1998. Awards will be announced in late March 1999. For additional information, contact

the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, ORAU, P.O. Box 3010, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-3010 or our website at <http://www.orau.gov/nsf/nsffell.htm>.

## SSU Variety Show

The ninth annual SSU Variety Show will be presented this year during Homecoming Weekend. The Variety Show is open to all SSU students, staff, faculty and alumni. It is presented in a professional format. The important dates to mark your calendar are: audition sign-ups from Monday, September 28 through October 2 at the Information Desk in the University Center; auditions are Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Audition times will be determined when you sign up. Rehearsals star Monday, October 12. The actual performance dates are Saturday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m. If you have questions or want to be part of the Variety Show, call Tony Broadbent in Event Services at 410-548-4597.

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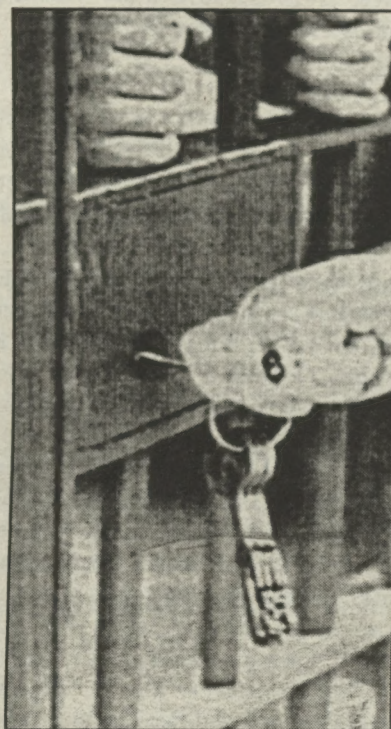
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# CRIME BEAT

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The Flyer

September 22, 1998



Jim Phillips  
Director of Public Safety

On September 5, 1998, at 12:15 a.m., a female student was accosted by a man in the Chesapeake parking lot, near Chesapeake Hall. The suspect is described as follows: white male; approximately 35 years old; approximately 5'9" - 5'10" tall; "skinny" build; long, curly brown hair; mustache; wearing light-colored shorts and a t-shirt, possibly green in color; appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

He came up from behind the woman, placed a folding type pocket knife to her body and pushed her into her car. A struggle for the car keys ensued and the victim received a cut on her hand. She was forced to drive the suspect off campus. While leaving campus, she observed several people walking and started blowing the horn to get their attention. After driving the suspect around for approximately 10-15 minutes, he exited the car near the Shell station at Rt. 13 and Bateman St. He was last seen running from the area.

In a possibly related incident, a student reported that at 8:15 p.m. a man with a similar description approached her on the north side of the Commons building and asked her if she wanted to "smoke a joint." He was wearing a short-sleeved green shirt with J&R Construction written on it.

8/14 - 8/25 **Theft** - Three computers were reported stolen from the first floor of Choptank. Acting on anonymous information, University Police arrested a student and charged him with theft. Trial date has been set for October 21 and administrative action is pending.

8/24 - 8/31 **Theft** - Two t-shirts were reported stolen from an office on the second floor of the University Center.

8/25 - 8/27 **Theft** - A bike was reported stolen from an unlocked/unoccupied room in Chester Hall.

8/28 **Vandalism** - The window to a room in St. Martin Hall was broken. Investigation revealed the suspect to be a student. Administrative action is pending.

8/28 **Theft** - A raincoat, red in color, was reported stolen from the first floor lounge of Severn Hall.

8/29 - 8/30 **Vandalism** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported that a wiper blade arm was bent on a vehicle while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

8/30 - 8/31 **Hit & Run** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a parked car was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked at either the Caruthers lot or an off-campus location.

8/31 - 9/10 **Theft** - A sorority charm was reported missing from a display case in the Book Rack. The Greek letters FM (Phi Mu) are inscribed on the charm.

9/3 **Theft** - A staff member reported that red parking permit #693 was stolen from a vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

9/7 - 9/8 **Hit & Run** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Devilbiss lot. The right front bumper was damaged.

9/8 - 9/9 **Theft** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a bike

rack was stolen from the top of a car parked in the Chesapeake lot. The rack fits a Honda Civic.

9/8 - 9/15 **Vandalism** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a fog light on a truck was damaged while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

9/9 **Suspicious Person** - An employee reported that he was approached by an unknown person at a picnic table in Red Square near Caruthers Hall. The man was approached twice by the unknown person, who appeared to be possibly under the influence of drugs/alcohol. The suspect is described as a white male, 18-20 years old, approximately 5'10", 170 lbs, thin build, crew cut with reddish hair, wearing a blue 3/4 length coat. The witness said he saw what appeared to be the handle of a pistol in the pocket of the coat.

9/10 **Theft** - It was reported that a credit card was used from campus to make unauthorized purchases through the Internet. There is a suspect and the investigation is continuing.

9/10 **Malicious Burning** - Papers on a bulletin board were set on fire on the fourth floor of Choptank Hall. The building smoke detector activated and everyone evacuated. The smoke was cleared and alarm was reset.

9/11 **Vandalism** - Nine hanging plants were damaged at the Pergola near the Devilbiss parking lot.

9/11 - 9/12 **Alcohol Violations** - The Salisbury Police reported that seven people were issued alcohol citations for minors in possession of alcohol in the Smith Street & Maryland Avenue area and the Waverly Drive & Camden Avenue area. One SSU student was issued a citation for a noise violation and two students were issued citations for consuming alcohol on public property. Four juveniles (non-students) were also issued citations.

9/12 **Theft** - While in the area of Smith and Clairmont Streets, a University Police officer observed a student

carrying a stop sign. The officer stopped and asked the student for identifications. The Salisbury Police responded and placed the student under arrest for theft.

9/12 **Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported receiving several unwanted and annoying phone calls.

9/12 **Vandalism** - A student reported that a car was damaged while parked in the Caruthers lot.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation** - An underage resident of Manokiin Hall was intoxicated at St. Martin Hall. She injured herself and an ambulance was called. The student refused medical attention. Administrative action is pending.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation** - A former student was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage in Manokin Hall. A no-trespass letter will be sent.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation/Disorderly Conduct** - An underage resident of St. Martin Hall was found to be in possession of an open container of beer. The student was uncooperative and refused to show ID to Residence Life staff, so the University Police were called. The student was identified. Administrative action is pending.

9/15 **Driving While Intoxicated** - The Salisbury Police arrested two SSU students for DWI.

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## THE Bistro at Salisbury State

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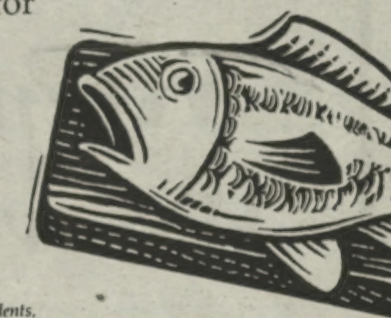
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